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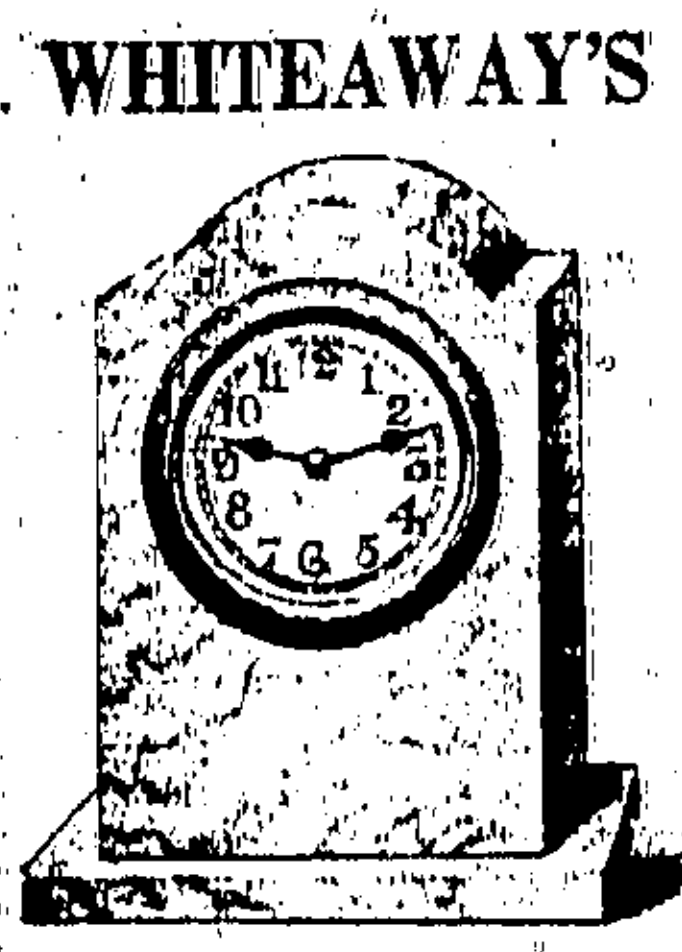
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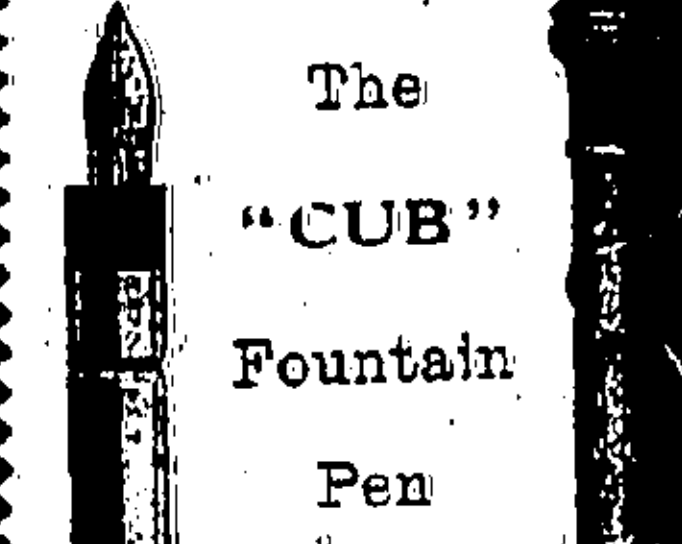
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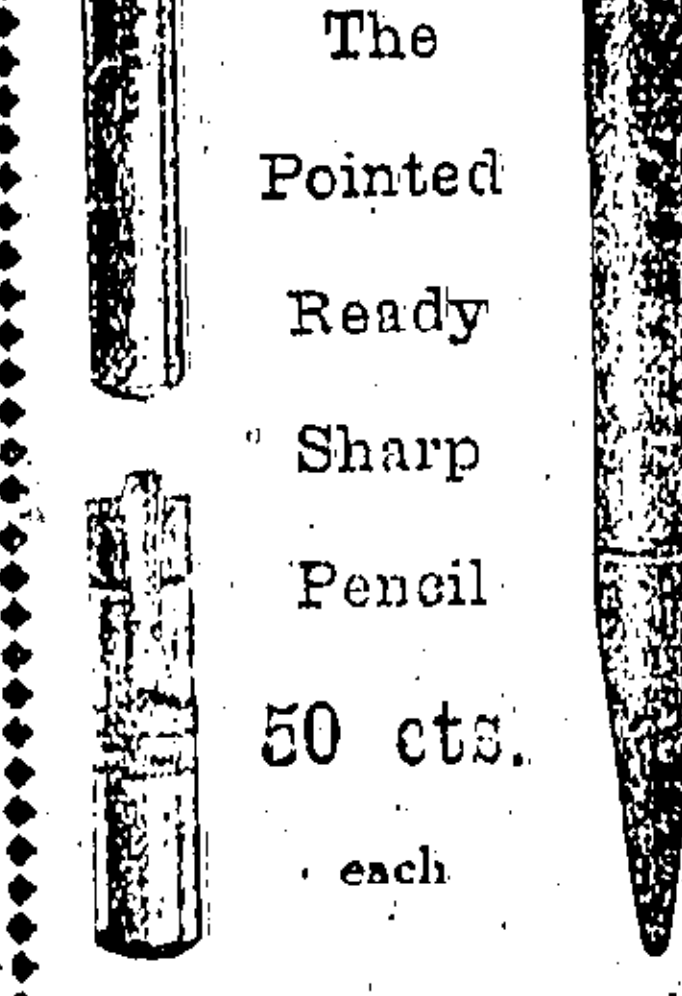
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## BUDGET ITEMS.

### SUMMARISED COUNCIL REFERENCES.

#### FILTER SYSTEM QUERIED.

Following are summarised references to Budget debate matters referred to in Council yesterday and not reported elsewhere:  
The D.P.W. replying to Mr. Holyoak, said that the contract for the mechanical filtration system in Bowen Road had been let to Messrs. Patterson Engineering Company.  
Mr. Holyoak confessed to surprise at the matter having been decided without reference to the Public Works Committee "for the simple reason that the Director of Public Works knows well that this committee went to the trouble of inspecting the Bell's filtration system in use at Talkoo Sugar Refinery, and from that time on no report or reference has been made to it in connection with the matter. I learn now for the first time that the Patterson system has been adopted. I happen to know that this system is not in general use in England compared with the system we advocated which has been almost universally adopted at home and has given universal satisfaction. I submit that under the circumstances the report of the Water Engineer sent home to investigate the matter should have been submitted to the Public Works Committee before this system was definitely embarked upon."

#### D.P.W.'S POWERS.

Replying to references to the disturbed and insanitary conditions at present obtaining on the Praya Road at Wanchai, the D.P.W. said that the reclamation had caused upheaval which had been complicated by the necessary removal of water mains, gas pipes, cables, etc. As far as possible this nuisance would be reduced to a minimum. The large open sewer running parallel with the old Praya wall was responsible for many of the complaints received. This matter had been referred to the Port Development Department and it was hoped that the contractor responsible would be able to keep the drain in a more sanitary condition in future.  
Referring to this matter later, the Hon. Mr. P. H. Holyoak said he could not help noting the use of the word "hope" by the D.P.W. Surely in a matter of this kind it was for the D.P.W. to insist upon the improvement.

#### NEW TERRITORY SCHEMES.

The prospects of development of the New Territories for food growing purposes was referred to by the Governor. He was not less pleased than surprised, he said, to hear that there were thousands of acres which were not being put to best possible use. If the Hon. member (Mr. Bird) could find those thousands of acres he would have accomplished a feat which the geological survey was not able to accomplish. His Excellency then referred to the Government's desire to promote such development in places where it was possible, and mentioned that Mr. Soares and Mr. Alves were concerned privately in such development.

#### REFUSE DESTRUCTORS.

The Unofficials are unanimously of opinion that refuse destructors should be experimented with. The Colonial Secretary is of the opinion that they are unnecessary. Giving reasons for his belief yesterday, Sir Claud Severn, referred to the reports of other places which had had them installed. These were discouraging because of the enormous expense and in this connection the findings of the Hon. Mr. A. G. M. Fletcher, Acting Colonial Secretary in 1923, were referred to.

#### MAIN ROAD MOTORING.

The requested widening of Tai Po Road bridges led H.E. the Governor to remark that he deprecated the idea that every road in the Colony should be of such width as to encourage people to drive down them at the greatest possible speed. He suggested that a narrow bridge was only a danger if two people, driving at excessive speed, tried to cross at the same time in opposite directions.  
The Hon. Mr. Holyoak agreed with His Excellency on the matter of speed but for a long time past the first section of the Tai Po Road had been a menace to safety. A large sum of money had been spent during the past twelve

## CANTON NOTES.

### ITEMS FROM THE CHINESE PAPERS.

#### STRIKERS HELD TO RANSOM.

While acting as a picket on board the s.s. "Kwok Ning" (Canton to Wuchow), a striker was kidnapped when the ship was pirated (as previously reported). Now the bandit chief has written to say that he wants \$50,000 in "western" banknotes for the ransom of the picket.

A shipment of cloth-purchased by men of the 3rd Red Army at Ching-shan (near Macao) was seized by strike pickets who refused to admit the cloth. Ultimately the cloth was released.  
Since the outbreak of military movements around Shanghai, Canton's trade with Shanghai has been affected, and Canton imports are stopping indents. Shanghai cargo now in Canton is rising in price—"Wah Tsz Yat Po."

General Chu Pei-lah, commander of the Yunnanese mercenaries now under the Canton Reds, is reported to have been captured by the Szechuan mercenaries whose chieftain was detained by the Canton Commandant. General Chu was ordered by Canton to take over the Szechuan-ites on the North River and is stated to have been surprised at a railway station by troops lying in waiting.—"Wah Kiu Yat Po."

#### P.W.D. OFFICERS.

The services of no senior officer or European had been dispensed with, said the Colonial Secretary, unless it was an absolute waste of money to keep him on. Great care had been taken not to terminate the employment of any officer whose services would be required in the event of certain works being proceeded with.

#### NIGHT CONVEYANCE.

The Hon. Mr. Bird having raised the matter of the early hour comparatively at which trams and ferries stopped, the Colonial Secretary made reference to this matter in reply. He was certain, he said, that if the successful tenderers for those services considered it would pay to run them later they would do so at once. The early hour at which the lower tramway service stopped had, however, personally always surprised him and although it was not a matter for the Government, the companies concerned might be approached to see if they would run later services.

#### STREET NAMES, &c.

On the question of the possibility of economies being carried too far, His Excellency said that, he trusted and believed that in a few months or a year's time at the latest, the Colony will be able to bring forward a supplementary list of works which will enable the hon. member to see the streets properly named and the other things he has suggested, but at the same time I deprecate taking a too optimistic view of the situation, which cannot at the present time be said to be entirely satisfactory.

The only reason that had been given for an increase in fire station officers, said the Colonial Secretary, was that one might fall sick. He assured the hon. member in question that the senior Chinese members of the staff were very efficient and had shown themselves so on many occasions. The remuneration in some cases had been increased in order to bring up the Atlantic portion of the staff. Whether it would be necessary to increase that of the European officers remained to be seen.

Unless there was real reason for reducing the number of hawkers' licences, either owing to obstruction or to the fact that certain classes of hawkers were unnecessary, the number would not be reduced, said the Colonial Secretary, but it should be realised that some proportion had to be maintained between the number actually required and the block in the streets caused by such stalls in crowded parts of the City.  
200 banyan trees planted along Nathan Road was narrowly averted from being cut down as they constituted a danger.

## LABOUR STRIKE.

### POLICE TO THE RESCUE.

#### 170,000 TONS CARGO HANDLED.

The emergency labour bureau which was instituted by the Police authorities at the commencement of the strike and disbanded when conditions became easier was one of the principal organizations which helped to break the back of the strike when the shipping became held up.

The work of this department consisted chiefly at first in supplying cargo coolies to the many ships that were in difficulty owing to the regular workers going on strike. With the protection afforded by the Police, intimidators were ignored, and crowds of coolies daily flocked to the Central Police Station, where Chief Detective Inspector J. Grant, who ably supervised the department, found work for them in handling cargo.

The docks and engineering concerns also received no little help from this department, which always had a plentiful supply of unskilled labour on hand. Coxswains, engineers and other skilled hands later sought the assistance of the labour bureau, and work was found for them on the launches and ferries.

The good work done by the department will be understood when it is known that 25,000 coolies were supplied to those needing them. On the ships alone 170,000 tons of general cargo were handled by labour supplied by the department during the strike.

## HONGKONG PRISONS.

### RESULTS OF LAST YEAR'S WORK.

#### INCREASED CRIMINAL FACTS.

The work of the Prisons Department during 1924 is disclosed in the report of the Superintendent of Prisons which has just been made public.

The estimated population is given as 799,550, which is an increase of 117,750 over the 1923 figure. The percentage of the total number of prisoners in custody to the estimated population was, however, the same for the two years (0.013).  
Convictions by Courts, including debtors and those held on remand in default of finding surety, numbered 7,382—an increase of 2,040 over 1923. Convictions for larceny also increased during the year, the number being 1,345 against 1,050 for the previous year.

The number of revenue grade prisoners convicted of various offences was 4,695, or 74 per cent. of the total admissions.  
Imprisonment without the option of a fine provided 1,644 prisoners, and 4,135 served their sentences.

Juvenile prisoners numbered 101. In 12 cases corporal punishment was included in addition. The percentage of convicted prisoners admitted to prison with previous convictions recorded against them was 17 as compared with 14.5 for 1923.

Convictions by the Police Courts in the New Territories numbered 147, against 99 for the previous year.  
For breach of prison discipline 468 punishments were awarded, as against 432 for the previous year, and corporal punishment was inflicted in 12 cases.

The number of prisoners whipped by order of the Courts was 94.  
One unsuccessful attempt to escape was made during the year. There were six deaths—five from natural causes and one execution.

Prison expenditure, including pay and allowances of officers amounted to \$375,158.14, as compared with \$324,698.26 in 1923. The earnings of prisoners on industrial occupations amounted to \$121,464.03.  
The average cost of maintaining a prisoner during the year was \$237.55.

## MAILS.

The s.s. "Kutsang" carrying the paper mail from Europe (London, September 24) due to-day has been delayed, and is not expected until daylight to-morrow. It arrived this morning from the Straits and Manila.

## NEW PEACE MOVE.

### CANTON MERCHANTS WANT TRADE.

#### DELEGATION TO HONGKONG.

Canton (Chinese) merchants propose sending a delegation to Hongkong, says one report, to discuss terms for renewing trade between the two ports.

It will be recalled that a number of Hongkong Chinese merchants went to Canton "to negotiate" peace. Their suggestion was that communication should be restored as the first move.

Apparently, their Canton conferees are now following in their footsteps. Sponsors are stated to have pointed to the stagnation of trade as the reason for opening up steamship traffic once more. With this view in mind they propose coming to Hongkong, continues the report.

After Hongkong traders have confirmed their previous request, the Canton delegation will return to take up the matter with the Canton Government as the first essential to maintain trade.

## NOTABLE EVENT.

### COMING PHILADELPHIA SHOW.

The American Sesqui-Centennial Exhibition in celebration of 150 years of American Independence will be held in the city of Philadelphia next year, and it is expected to open on June 1 for a period of six months.

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### MOROCCO, GARRISON SLAUGHTERED.

#### RIFFS ON THE MOVE.

(Reuter's Service.)  
Gibraltar, October 22.  
That the position of the Spaniards in Melilla and the French on the Eastern front is not so secure as represented in official accounts of victories, appears in reports of incidents received here.

Thus on October 18, near a junction of the French and Spanish forces, on the eastern front, the French lost four complete batteries as the result of a determined Riff attack.

The position would have been serious but for the Spanish air squadron, thanks to which three guns were recaptured.

The Spanish outpost at Alhucemas the same night was attacked by Riffs dressed in the uniform of Spanish native troops. The garrison of 46 Foreign Legionaries, who were holding a concert at the time, were completely surprised. All were killed with the exception of the lieutenant in command.

The Spanish losses round Alhucemas are reported roughly at 1,000.

The Riffs undoubtedly are awaiting the Levante gale which will prevent support from the sea, and rains, before attacking Alhucemas where the Spaniards have not a second line.

An example of Spanish censorship may be mentioned in the news that the Riff bombardment at Tetuan has only just become known at Ceuta.

#### RAIN HELPS RIFFS.

Paris, October 22.  
A Havas correspondent at Morocco telegraphs from Rabat that active operations are now regarded as over. The French and Spanish troops are returning to their winter bases.

Premature rains interrupted offensives which were developing with great success, rendering roads unusable and rivers impassable.

A contingent sent out temporarily to participate in the offensive will return to France leaving sufficient forces in Morocco to ensure the defence of the frontier.

Fines of \$15 were imposed on each of two boatmen and two boatmistresses as the Marine Court this morning for being under way without regulation lights.

## SHIPS SEARCHED.

### EXPERIENCES OF RIVER BOATS.

#### OFF WHAMPONG.

In the course of their last trips both the "Honam" and the "Fatsan" have been stopped and searched at Whampong, this hitherto having been the experience only of the "Tigress" boats.

In response to signals, both ships stopped and an armed launch put out, searching Whampong cadets—actually boarding the ships from a towed sampan. The search of the ship was thorough but it is not known if anything in particular was being sought.

The searchers were not armed.

## DR. SUN NOT DEAD!

### EXTRAORDINARY SINGAPORE REPORT.

#### HONGKONG IMAGINATION.

The rumour that has been current for some time in Hongkong that Dr. Sun Yat-sen is not dead has travelled far and wide, says the "Singapore Free Press," and those coming to Singapore from Hongkong have brought with them this news, though they themselves treat the statement with scepticism.

"In Hongkong," says one of them, "a great many of the people believe—and sincerely at that—that Dr. Sun is not dead. The body that they are embalming is artificial, and the real Dr. Sun Yat-sen will return to China when the final session of the all-China Conference takes place. He was taken by an aeroplane to Moscow, where he is now hiding." "The rumour is so current and firm," continued our informant, "that the people over there are betting a hundred dollars against one. And even then the bets are taken with very great reluctance."

## BUS MISHAP.

### CHINESE PASSENGER INJURED.

A Chinese passenger fell from a motor bus at Corporation Road yesterday, and had to be taken to the Kwong Wah Hospital with injuries to his head.  
The driver stated in his report that the accident was caused by the man attempting to alight from the vehicle before it came to a halt at the Mongkok Road junction.

## BALKANS TROUBLE.

### FURTHER FIGHTING REPORTED.

#### FRONTIER SCRAPPING.

#### (Reuter's Service.)

Athens, October 22.  
The Premier has refused the Bulgarian proposal to form a Commission of Enquiry into the frontier incident while there are Bulgarians on Greek territory.  
Further fighting is reported, owing to the Bulgarians resisting the passage of the Greeks, advancing to occupy an outpost.

#### MENACE TO TOWN.

Athens, October 23.  
The Bulgarians have received reinforcements.  
General Demirkapou, in charge of the Greek command, is making an encircling movement around Petritsi with a view to compelling the Bulgarians to evacuate Greek territory.

The fall of Petritsi is considered imminent but the Bulgarians are resisting stubbornly.

The weather forecast for Hongkong till noon to-morrow is N.E. winds, fresh, fine. A fresh monsoon is expected to prevail over the northern China Sea.

A water-logged, derelict junk, without masts, and with adze stove in place of a chimney, was sighted by the "Kaiyong" on her way up here from Bangkok via Hoihow, when off the coast of Luchow.

## TO-DAY'S DOLLAR.

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### COUNCIL RELATIONS.

SIR EDWARD STUBBS SAYS GOODBYE.

SIX YEARS OF HARMONY.

In reply to the farewell speeches of the members of the Legislative Council yesterday, H.E. Sir Edward Stubbs spoke as follows: Hon. members of the Legislative Council. It only remains for me to perform a duty which I approach with a keen consciousness of my inability to do justice to the occasion; that is to take leave of this Council over which I have had the honour to preside for the last six years. You will I trust, forgive me if I do not take the opportunity of laying before you a full account of my stewardship. I am, as you know, no friend to long speeches, and I do not think that the present juncture, when we have been compelled to abandon for the time being many of the works which I had hoped to see being during my term of office, is a suitable time for such a review.

I am sorry that no great work has been effected in the Colony which will serve to remind our successors of my Governorship. I had hoped to see the Praya East Reclamation practically finished, and I had almost hoped to see the Military Lands question settled, but unexpected delays in the former case and unforeseen events in the latter have resulted in disappointment. I can only claim that the six years contain a record of steady progress. The arrears due to the period of stagnation during the war have been made up; the development of the Colony has, until the last few months, been regular and continuous, and my successor will be able, as soon as the present period of depression is over, to proceed confidently with many works which I had hoped to see inaugurated in my time.

I leave the Colony to my great regret, at a time of trouble and difficulty, but I am confident that this shadow will soon pass and that Hongkong will resume the path of progress which will lead it to a prosperity far surpassing anything that it has yet seen.

#### FUTURE CENTENARY.

Mr. Holyoak has kindly expressed the hope that my wife and I may some day revisit Hongkong. I am afraid that for the next few years I shall be at a distance which will render a casual visit impossible, but in some sixteen years' time Hongkong will be celebrating the centenary of its foundation. May I express the hope that the Government of the day will then invite me—if I am still alive I shall be one of the oldest surviving Governors of Hongkong—to take part in the celebrations and to see for myself how far the reality corresponds with my expectations. But I do not want to take up your time now by discussing the Colony and its future. I should wish on this occasion to deal only with my relations to this honourable Council.

We have worked together, gentlemen, for more than six years, and while I cannot claim that we have always been in entire agreement, I think I may justly claim that we have throughout worked in the closest harmony and that, where we have differed, you have realized, as clearly as I have realized, that on both sides the only motive that has actuated us has been a desire to do what each has believed to be the best for the interests of the Colony.

#### PROUD MEMORY.

I have valued my association with you more than I can say and it will always be one of my proudest memories that you have unanimously and repeatedly shown your confidence in me by asking that my term of office should be extended. If your request had been granted I should have been happy to remain, but, as this has not been found possible, I can only express to you my heartfelt thanks for paying me so striking a compliment.

I have also to thank you, gentlemen, one and all, for the invaluable help which you have given me during these years by your advice and criticisms. It has been a cause of admiration and wonder to me that in a Colony such as this, where there is no laudable class, it had always been possible to find able and hard-working men who will sacrifice their time to the gratuitous service of the State. Membership of this Council has been no sinecure, and the Colony has cause to be grateful to all of you and to those other former members of the Council, who have been taken from us—such men as my dear friend Alexander Stephen, Montague Ede, Arthur Lowe, Lau Chu-pak, Ng Hon-tsz and Chow Suk-ki.

I owe a special debt of gratitude to those of you who have served on my Executive Council, for I fear that I have on many occasions taxed your patience to an

### COLONY'S PROGRESS.

SIR CLAUD SEVERN'S REVIEW.

HIS LAST MEETING?

In addition to the messages of farewell to H.E. Sir R. E. Stubbs, reference was also made at yesterday's meeting of the Legislative Council to the services of Sir Claud Severn, the meeting in question being probably the last Council meeting he will attend and certainly the last at which he will reply to points on the budget raised by Unofficial members.

H.E. the Governor in thanking Sir Claud Severn for the highly efficient manner in which he had served as Colonial Secretary for some 14 years in this Colony, referred to the entirely adequate manner in which he had taken the place of Governor during temporary absences. (Hear, hear).

Sir Claud Severn mentioned that this was the twelfth debate on the Budget in this Colony in which he had taken part, and he had had the honour of introducing the estimates for the years 1914, 1919 and 1923. The progress and development of the Colony and its general prosperity during the 14 years he had been here had, of course, been extremely gratifying to him as well as to the whole community. He had watched the progress of the Colony with the greatest possible interest, and although there was now what he was sure was generally felt to be just a temporary slackening of that development, he felt that if he was able to return to this Colony after a comparatively short time he would find all the big works that are in contemplation and in progress in full swing again and ample revenue to make provision for them.

London, October 22.—Two more alleged Communists arrested by the Scotland Yard men last night were Harrington and Robert Arnot, both described as members of the Communist executive. The four Communist leaders, Murphy, McManus, Arnot and Harrington were remanded at Bow Street until to-morrow when they will be brought up with eight others and charged with sedition and conspiracy to incite mutiny.

unprecedented extent by long sittings. I have often felt that, although you did not say so, you must have thought that I was wasting your time in long discussions and by bringing before you matters which there was no statutory obligation to refer to the Executive Council. If so I can only ask you to forgive me for taking advantage of your goodwill. My reason has been that I have always believed that it is better to discuss things before they are done rather than after, and whenever possible to make sure that all aspects of a question are considered before a decision is taken. I am not so vain as to believe that I have made no mistakes, but I do feel justified in claiming that I have avoided many of the mistakes which those long meetings have served the public well.

#### CHINESE COLLEAGUES.

May I, in conclusion, address a few words specially to my Chinese colleagues? I have valued very highly the confidence and friendship which has been accorded to me by Mr. Chow Shou-son and Mr. Kotewall and their predecessors. They have always been ready to come to me when asked to give me their advice on matters affecting the Chinese community, and they have done great service both to that community and to me by bringing personally to my notice anything in which the Chinese were specially interested and on which it was important that I should know their views.

You, Mr. Chow Shou-son and you, Mr. Kotewall, have rendered invaluable service to the Colony during the troublous times of the last few months. I know, better than most, the difficulties with which you have had to contend and the tremendous amount of work which you have done, and I feel that I should be grievously lacking in gratitude if I did not on the occasion of this my last appearance in Council, take the opportunity of publicly testifying to your services and expressing the thanks of the Colony to you.

Now, gentlemen, I have nothing more to say than to bid you good-bye and to wish you the best of all wishes for your future and for that of this honourable Council. I need not, I am sure, solicit on behalf of my successor a continuance of the kindness with which you have treated me and of the assistance which has been so readily given to me during my tenure of office. Good-bye.

### CRIME SEQUEL.

"THOU SHALT NOT KILL."

NOVEL BY AN ITALIAN MURDERER.

One evening in the spring of 1923, a well-known Florentine novelist, Alfredo Massini, had a violent quarrel with his wife, based on jealousy. Beside himself with passion he fired three shots at her, killing her instantly, and then gave himself up to the police, saying: "All husbands do this sooner or later."

Signor Massini was a beautiful and attractive woman. The subsequent trial proved clearly that she had been faithful to her husband; it also brought out that he had made her life unbearable owing to his ungovernable temper. Everything being taken into consideration, Massini was not condemned to a life sentence of imprisonment, but was ordered to be detained in a lunatic asylum as "dangerous to himself and to others."

Shortly before the fatal act, Massini had published (under the pseudonym of "Ossare Caduto") a long "psychological" novel, "Federico Durga," which was very well received, and he seemed to have a promising career before him. Now, in the seclusion of a criminal lunatic asylum, he has written and published another novel, entitled, "Thou shalt not kill." In it he tells his own story, very slightly disguised, and analyses the causes that led him to take the life of the woman he passionately loved. He points with grim realism the utterly hopeless position of the man who has committed such a crime. Whatever the verdict of society, the individual himself can never rise out of the abyss into which his own act has plunged him. Between him and all human joy and consolation there stands for ever the figure of the dead woman, purified by death.

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first, Wing-Commander Douglas,

in D653, was second, and Bert

Hinkler, in an Avro-504, third.

Flight-Lieutenant Gomer, fly-

ing a Parasol monoplane, made

the fastest time for three kilo-

metres, averaging 139 kilo-

metres an hour. Courtney

was second, flying a Parnall

Pixie, averaging 136 kilometres

an hour 1 kilometre—1,093.6

yards.

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speed over fifty kilometres, aver-

aging 137 an hour. James was

second, flying an Annet, and aver-

aging 134.

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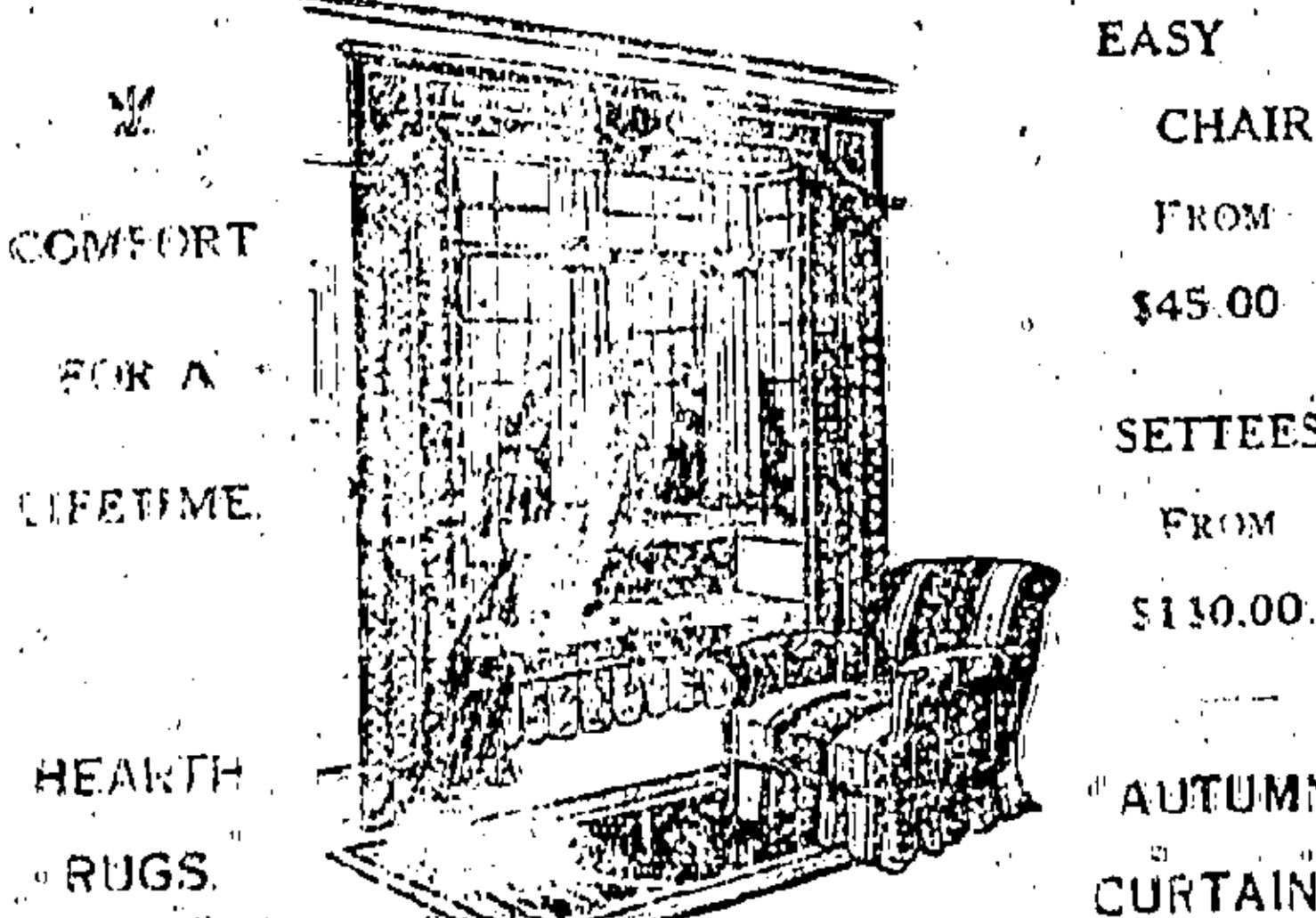
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## THE SHARE ENQUIRY.

A Cabinet member in the recent  
Labour Government gave it as his  
considered opinion that it was  
impossible to produce rabbits from  
a hat. The Share Enquiry Com-  
mission abundantly prove the  
assertion. The Commission was  
asked to enquire into the circum-  
stances connected with the  
collapse, principally of the June  
settlement, and to make a report.  
This has been done but not to an  
extent that will give general  
satisfaction. The public has been  
expecting rabbits but the only  
thing that has evolved is the same  
old hat plus a moral document  
which may be worth the paper on  
which it is written. The Com-  
mission, it must be admitted, had  
a difficult task. The June non-  
settlement was submitted only an  
item—but an item of which due  
notice had to be taken. If the  
history of share dealings in this  
Colony had only the June and  
July incidents to their debit,  
strictures of any kind would have  
been tempered with a little  
sympathy. History in this case  
is not a cordial for drooping  
spirits. The Commission's report  
makes it abundantly clear that the  
past has been one of wanton reck-  
lessness, indifference and unsound-

## Less Crime.

Whatever evils the strike may  
have brought in its train, the  
measures which were taken to  
combat it have resulted in a  
marked decrease in the number  
of serious crimes as is evident  
from the lists of cases which  
came up for hearing before the  
Central and Kowloon Magistrates.  
As will be seen from the prison  
statistics given elsewhere, a  
larger number of prisoners had  
to be cared for during last year.  
Figures, however, would be mis-  
leading, as a large number of  
prisoners were those held on re-  
mand or in default of finding  
surety, and the prisons possibly  
accommodated during the strike  
period more than the number in  
normal times when incarceration  
was not a necessity. The figures

A marked feature of the Courts  
at present is the absence of  
serious crimes which fill the daily  
register in normal times. Prior  
to the strike armed robberies,  
unlawful arms possession and  
bag-snatching occurred almost  
daily, and the work the Magis-  
trates were called upon to per-  
form increased with the pro-  
tracted nature of the proceedings  
in these cases. Cases of violence  
have also naturally dropped out  
of the Courts. In the absence of  
crimes of a serious nature, there  
have been no committals to the  
Criminal Sessions over a long  
period. Unlicensed hawking ruled  
rampant during the early days of  
the strike, and the measures have  
again had to be enforced with the  
return of the licence holders and  
the re-opening of the stalls. The  
cases still continue to be more  
than in normal times as the offend-  
ers in many instances pretend to  
be unaware that the privilege  
accorded to them during the  
difficult period has been with-  
drawn. Prosecutions for build-  
ing offences, with most of the  
contractors' men being still away,  
continue to come before the  
Courts with more frequency, and  
with sanitary cases, illicit wood-  
cutters, and the usual routine of  
minor cases the Magistrates have  
sufficient to do. Compared with  
normal times, however, their task  
appears to be a light one with the  
elimination of the rowdy element.  
The results of the efficient mea-  
sures taken by the Police to sup-  
press crime will doubtless be seen  
when the statistics of this  
department come to be published.

## A "LYING CAMPAIGN"

COMBATING BOLSHIEV  
CALUMNY

SIR H. POLLOCK'S VIEWS.

The cordial co-operation so long  
existing between the British and  
Chinese in the Colony was the sub-  
ject of comment by Sir Henry  
Pollock at the Budget debate yester-  
day. His remarks referring  
more particularly to plans for  
future education of Chinese in the  
Colony.

Quoting an ex-Governor of Hong-  
kong (Sir William Des Vaux) who  
in a despatch to the Secretary of  
State in 1880 referred to the de-  
velopment of Hongkong even in his  
time, Sir Henry Pollock said that  
the Hongkong Government ought  
to make it its business to teach in  
its schools and in the University,  
the wonderful growth and prosper-  
ity of this Colony, owing to its  
liberal institutions, its equitable  
treatment of and justice to all races,  
and starting onward from Governor  
Des Vaux's despatch to the present  
day to show how that same fair  
treatment of the Chinese has re-  
sulted in the immensely greater  
proofs of prosperity which are now  
before us to-day, and which are  
the result of the cordial co-operation  
which has for so long existed and  
still exists between the British and  
Chinese in this Colony.

Perhaps in the recent Bolshievist  
campaign, which has been agin-  
gored from Canton (and perhaps it  
would be more accurate to say from  
Moscow) nothing has more annoy-  
ed old residents who have a real  
affection for this Colony and a firm  
belief in British fairness than the  
lying campaign of calumny which  
has misrepresented the British  
officials and the British business  
men of this Colony as riding rough-  
shod over the rights of the Chinese  
and brutally, or imperially, for  
that is the favourite word used,  
riding roughshod over the rights of  
the Chinese here.

## A MISTAKE.

His Excellency, in reply to Sir  
Henry Pollock, thought that it had  
been a mistake that vernacular  
education had not been proceeded  
with as fully as it might have been  
in the Colony. It must be admit-  
ted, he said, that something has  
gone wrong with education as ap-  
plied to the Chinese along Western  
lines, and the part which students,  
who should be supposed to have  
acquired an intelligence beyond that  
of their uneducated countrymen,  
have shown that they possess is  
less than the heart that porrieth.  
Our mistake has been in attaching  
too much importance to Western  
education, from which, if you come  
to examine the matter very closely,  
it is not clear that all Occidentals  
profit. I may tell you that the  
Director of Education is devoting  
much time to the discussion of this  
subject with my entire sympathy  
and support, and I hope that in due  
course it will be possible to provide  
a chain of Chinese education from  
the vernacular schools for Chinese  
to a Chinese faculty in the Uni-  
versity.

Mr. Des Vaux and his 3-year  
old son, who gave some successful  
proofs of their intellect in Japan and

## SHREDS AND PATCHES.

I have often  
wondered to see a  
series of matches  
between the let-  
ters of the alphabet.  
At the present  
moment, the championship  
would most probably go to the  
letter H. The team might be:  
Hobbs, Holmes, Hearne, Hallows,  
Hendren, Hardinge, E. R. T.  
Holmes, N. Haig, Habbie, F. P.  
Hewetson, and Howell. This  
would be a tremendous batting  
team, and it would be fairly  
wrong in bowling, with Hearne  
and Howell as the opening pair,  
and Haig, Hewetson, Holmes and  
Hardings as changes.

The next best team would prob-  
ably be the M's, with F. T. Mann  
as captain, Macpeace, J. C. W.  
MacBryan and Mead as its star  
bats, Murrell as keeper, Macanlay  
and Macdonald as a terrific  
first pair of bowlers, and C. S.  
Marriott, Mordin and Mercer as  
changes. The M's would be a  
better bowling team, though a  
much weaker batting team than  
the H's.

The S's also would be pretty  
strong, with J. Sharp as captain,  
Sutcliffe and Sandham as the  
opening pair, Strudwick as keeper,  
Staples, Sadler, Sibbles,  
Santall, Shepherd, and Skelding.

And the W's would be strong  
too—a better balanced team than  
the S's, with Whyall, the two  
Woolleys, Watson and Walker as  
the back-bone of the batting, and  
J. C. White, Widdington and  
Wells as bowlers.

But the D's would take some  
beating—H. L. Dales, Dapper,  
K. S. Dulcepsinhji, E. W. Dawson,  
H. L. V. Day, J. W. H. T.

Douglas, Durston, Dennett, and  
either Dolphin or Duckworth as  
keeper—a larger amateur team.  
And the B's would give a pretty  
good account of themselves—  
Bowley, the two Bryans, J. R.  
Barnes and Brown ought to make  
some runs, and Barratt, J. J.  
Bridges, Boyes and old Bastwick  
would take some wickets.

My money, however, is on the  
H's, with the M's as runners up.

Not long since atten-  
tion was called in Lon-  
don to a copy of  
"Quality Street," by Sir James  
Barrie, which it appears was one  
of the volumes auctioned by the  
Red Cross during the war, when  
authors were asked to autograph  
books and manuscripts that they  
might be sold for the benefit of  
the soldiers. This particular one  
—or rather the inscription in it—  
had a moral, though, which may  
be pondered to advantage. Here  
is what was penned on the title  
page:

At six 'twas thus I wrote my  
name:  
"J. Barrie."  
At twelve it was not quite the  
same,  
"James M. Barrie."  
At twenty, thus, with a caress,  
"James Matthew Barrie."  
At thirty I adjoined it less:  
"J. M. Barrie."  
At forty-five it became so:  
"J. M. B."  
And soon I think the "M" will  
go,  
"J. B."  
One tear for twenty's youthful  
swank,  
And then the name becomes a  
blank.

## A VENERABLE MYTH.

Reviewing "Atlantis in Amer-  
ica," by Thomas Spencer, "Vener-  
able" in the "Observer." The  
most worn legend of a great con-  
tinent once occupying the Atlantic  
bed, and suddenly submerged be-  
neath it, with all its inhabitants,  
was set adrift by Plato 2,500 years  
ago. After centuries of controversy  
its truth has faded of acceptance.  
In the above-named volume Mr.  
Spencer, plausibly and with  
considerable literary talent, at-  
tempts to resurrect the fiction. He  
cherishes the belief that Plato's  
lost Atlantis was a reasonable case  
in favour of its authenticity. Thus  
obsessed, he is an ardent propa-  
gandist in its favour, as his  
articles, in the "Occult" and  
"Quarterly" Reviews for last April  
—expanded into the present book—  
testify. In a previous contribution  
to the "Problem of Atlantis," Mr.  
Spencer has tried to cozen us into  
crediting geology and geographical

distribution as favouring a once  
inhabited Atlantis and its splitting,  
at the end of the Miocene, into  
two main portions, the western of  
which, Antilla (a reassembled  
name), endured longer than  
Atlantis, the eastern moiety, which  
disappeared finally in 10,000 B.C.  
Mr. Spencer, "writing in the plain  
language of fact," essays on the pre-  
sent occasion to establish that,  
as in Europe with reference to  
Atlantis, a widely credited tradition  
was anciently current in America  
regarding Antilla, whose shattered  
remnants he sees in the West Indian  
Antilles, and that through "ter-  
restrial and cultural connections  
with Atlantis" it became the stand-  
ing stone to the American main-  
land for Atlantean culture.

Tradition obviously need not be  
true because it is widely credited.  
The statement, however, that the  
Antillean archipelago formed at  
different epochs part of a larger  
land-mass may be accepted gener-  
ally by geographers. Whether or not,  
that conclusion has no bearing on  
what Mr. Spencer propounds—  
that the civilisation of America, as of  
Europe and Africa, originated on  
the undivided Atlantis, to whose  
Antillean segment "the authorities  
[who may they be?] are at once in-  
attributing the Maya culture of  
Central America." If Mr. Spencer  
should establish this contention, he  
would overthrow the school of Pro-  
fessor Elliot-Smith and its dogma—  
Egypt, the Universal Provider, of  
civilisation. The author before his  
problem by many irrelevant, though  
interesting, enough, disquisitions,  
such as the probability of the  
Burgess weed being a float over-  
hanging the fabled continent, or  
as if one might deduce an under-  
lying "graveyard" from a corpse  
circling within the Niagara Whirl-  
pool; nor does he benefit by claim-  
ing support for the Atlantic  
enfranchisement from analogy of the  
extensive areas, an inviolably pon-  
tified by Professor Macmillan  
Brown, as drowned within the  
last few centuries beneath the  
Pacific.

the arguments employed in the  
Story of Atlantis, a book by Mr.  
Spencer, issued in 1896 by the  
Theosophical Publishing Society.  
This work has one immense ad-  
vantage over Mr. Spencer's in being  
"a piece of historical research by  
means of actual clairvoyance,"  
illustrated by maps of the world  
"based on no assumptions or con-  
jecture." These charts "compiled  
[with meridians reckoned from  
Greenwich] and handed down  
through the ages" (1) depict,  
supernaturally we suppose, the ter-  
restrial changes between the years  
1,000,000 and 1,050 B.C. Refer-  
ence to them might have saved Mr.  
Spencer an amount of speculation  
and many chapters of his book.  
He would have found, moreover,  
that Pyllos's inspired charts reveal  
a Pacific Ocean existing as to-day  
some 200,000 B.C.—some cen-  
turies!

Mr. Spencer even accepts Brown's  
assumption that South America  
owed its first culture to Polynesians,  
who settled at Grand China "as  
the result of a definite quest"; but  
neither author explains how that  
event can accord with the ancient  
Antillean migration. The professor  
argues that these navigators "who  
of all Pacific peoples make no  
pottery" must alone have built and  
occupied that celebrated adobe city,  
everywhere along the Peruvian  
coast, "not a single chard."  
Antwondering assertion!—is found at  
Chimu, which is the very centre of  
the famous and abundant Truxil-  
lan ceramics. If his steps had  
been but guided into some of its  
plazas, he could have waded ankle-  
deep in waster-shards lying, since  
Chimu's hey-day, around the spot  
where they were baked—thereby  
ensuring his misguidance, of a ton  
trusting disciple. Of little better  
quality are many of the assumptions  
adduced for the uplift and down-  
throw, during the human period, of  
mythical Atlantis and Pacific land  
masses.

The decisive word, however, lies  
with Geology—Spencer, Sir Charles  
Lyell and Sir Wyville Thomson  
hold that the present form of the  
Atlantic basin dates from the  
Secondary Period, and that its bed  
has had an unbroken continuity of  
life from the Cretaceous till now.  
Mr. Bive's views are entirely cor-  
roborative. Unless Mr. Spencer can  
contravert these authorities by ad-  
ducing sure proof of a populated  
Atlantis enduring far into the  
Tertiary, his reasoning is futile,  
and the venerable myth must con-  
tinue to drown with the ancient  
Atlantis for mankind does not yet take  
the pleasure, nor did men as cul-  
tured as the Maya evolve, all manner  
of a millennium later.

"We must steadfastly refuse to  
believe anything upon insufficient  
evidence." "We must never pre-  
tend that what is only probable is  
a certainty." These are words  
of an eminent biologist, who  
of course, by supposing the  
recently submerged Atlantis, and



## CLERKS' "SQUEEZE"

SIR R. E. STUBBS' COUNCIL REFERENCE.

STATISTICAL DEPARTMENT.

Complaints which had been made to him constantly with regard to alleged "squeeze" in the Government Service were referred to by R.E. the Governor at the Legislative Council meeting yesterday. His remarks arising indirectly out of the policy of the Government in abolishing the statistical department.

As distinct from the general policy of economy which dictated this action, R.E. the Governor said that there was a matter in connection with this subject to which he was going to have to refer. There is no question, he said, that the necessity of providing these statistics gave rise to a great amount of abuse. In connection with these statistics, permits were required for exports, and I have it on evidence I cannot reject, that the necessity of applying for these permits was used by clerks of that department for purposes of obtaining what is known as "squeeze." Had I understood this matter before I should have had an investigation made at once, and I shall certainly not consent to the reconstruction of this department without that matter being investigated.

I appeal to our Chinese colleagues to ask them to urge their countrymen to bring such cases to the notice of the Government. I am constantly receiving complaints of "squeeze" in the Government service, but no one will ever come forward and actually sign his name to a complaint. I cannot believe that these numerous complaints have no justification, but it is impossible for the Government to take action unless we can obtain clear evidence. I would ask the Chinese members to ask the Chinese Chamber of Commerce to report any such cases at once.

Department Desired? On the general question of the desirability or otherwise of the abolition of the department, the Governor remarked as follows: I like the Hon. member and everybody else, am entirely unable to understand the enormous cost of this department, but it is perfectly obvious that the cost was far more than we were justified in paying for statistics required for the commercial community, who took little interest in them and whose accuracy could not be guaranteed in any way whatever. It may be possible, I understand, by a semi-official agency, to provide statistics equally valuable at a reasonable rate, and that question will be gone into.

Whilst feeling that the cost of the department had been excessive, the Hon. Mr. Hui-yok thought that without such figures it is impossible to make a comparison between one year and another and what is more important there is no means of comparing the imports into this Colony of competitor countries. They are part of world trade statistics and Hongkong should not be lacking in that respect, he thought.

## KOWLOON CASES.

RETURNED BANISHEE'S DAGGER.

FOUR YEARS' JAIL.

At the Kowloon Magistracy yesterday, Mr. E. W. Hamilton sentenced a Chinese to twelve months' hard labour for returning to the Colony before the expiration of his term of banishment. The man was banished in 1922 for being concerned in an armed robbery.

Sitting together with Mr. R. A. D. Forrest, the Kowloon Magistrate heard a further charge against the defendant of being in possession of a dagger. Sentence of four years' hard labour was imposed, the Magistrate being satisfied that defendant returned to the Colony for an unlawful purpose.

On behalf of a young Chinese who was charged with unlawful possession of a revolver and four rounds of ammunition, Mr. D. McCallum tendered a plea of guilty to a technical offence. He asked that certain witnesses be produced by the Police to prove that the defendant had been given the revolver for self-protection. After hearing evidence, the Magistrate held the defendant had committed a technical offence, but as he had been in custody for a long time he was discharged with a caution.

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## EUROPE'S PEACE.

PREMIER AND LOCARNO SUCCESS.

"A SOLID FOUNDATION."

(Reuter's Service.)

London, October 22.

The oyster feast at Colchester furnished the Premier, Mr. Stanley Baldwin, with an opportunity to refer to Locarno where he said the will to peace had sprung up for the first time in Europe since the war. Solid foundations had been built which would bear any superstructure. He believed the peace built up in the west of Europe has an essential prelude to the ultimate peace of Europe. The entry of Germany into the League would enormously enhance and strengthen its power.

Mr. Winston Churchill forecasted the restoration of a portion of taxation taken off the Budget, if the Economy Committee, presided over by Mr. Baldwin had not reaped the hoped for harvest.

GERMANY'S FUTURE.

London, October 22.

The Locarno Conference was the subject of a speech at Swansea by Viscount Grey who emphasised the new spirit manifested owing to Germany entering the League of Nations on equal terms. He paid a high tribute to Mr. Austen Chamberlain's work and his demonstration of the selflessness of British policy, the biggest concrete thing in the Conference, was that Germany should enter the League.

In a few years Germany must play at least as important a part in European affairs as she did before the war.

Viscount Grey declared that if war arose it would not be on the question of the frontier or nationality, but on the principle of celebration and peaceful settlement.

If Britain followed the American example of standing aside in European affairs, it would alone suffice to wreck the peace of Europe. (Cheers.)

The only prospects for a Russian credit rested on her co-operation in a policy of peace. He emphatically declared that the new treaties would prepare the way for a reduction in armaments by producing a sense of security.

## SHANGHAI ENQUIRY.

(Reuter's Service.)

Shanghai, October 22.

Mr. V. C. Lyman, Chairman of the Municipal Council Watch Committee, giving evidence, admitted that he did not know what limits existed to the building of the Council's roads in Chinese Territory. He considered the precautions taken by Mr. McEuen sufficient to cope with any situation. Further corroborative police testimony was given.

During the voyage to Hongkong of the s.s. "Eloisang," from Calcutta via Singapore, a deck male Chinese passenger died and was buried at sea.

Melbourne, October 22.—Portly two vessels in Australian ports are at present idle through the strike. The Overseas Strike Committee has declared all British ships in Brisbane black. Thirty of the stake-hold crew of the steamer "Coranda" at Melbourne struck and efforts are being made to bring out the crew of the "Port Campbell." The ship-owners have begun advertising for volunteers.—Reuter.

Mexico City, October 22.—The Senate has passed the first reading of the Calles Bill enforcing Article 27 of the Constitution whereunder foreigners owning land and water properties will be forced to sell them within three years unless they become Mexican citizens. The Bill particularly affects oil and mining companies. The prospects of its final passage seem to be favourable.—Reuter's American Service.

## MOVEMENT OF STEAMER.

The C.P.S. R.M.S. "Empress of Canada" arrived at Manila today 7 a.m. leaves Manila tomorrow 4 p.m., and is due at Hongkong on Oct. 26, 7 a.m.

## COMFORT FOR THE AGED.

Old people are easily tired and weakened by coughing. For them there is much comfort in a bottle of Chamberlain's Cough Remedy. It stops those weakening coughs that keep them awake, and wear out their strength. Every one knows it cures the cold, whooping cough, and whooping cough.

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## CRISIS IN NORTH.

MORE TROOPS LEAVE MUKDEN.

PLANS FOR TIENSHIN.

(Reuter's Service.)

Peking, Oct. 22.

Military circles state that four divisions have left Mukden to reinforce the Shantung Tapan Chang Tain-chang at Tainan-fu.

Military wireless operators and the aeroplane corps have also left Mukden for Tientsin.

Peking, Oct. 21.

The Mukden garrison has evacuated Hsi Chou-fu in favour of the allied troops.

Peking, Oct. 21.

Yang Yu-ching arrived at Tientsin early this morning and left for Mukden at noon. Mukdenite circles in Peking state that Peng Yu-hsing has wired to Chang Tain-chang calling him "brother" and saying that he hoped for peace. He is now at Pao Tien Chien and when his arrangements there are completed will go on westward.

The wire declares that Chang Tain-chang may use Peng's troops which are in Peking if he so desires. WO PHILIP AND COLLEAGUES.

Peking, Oct. 21.

Dagong and outgoing messages are strictly censored. A cable from Hankow states that Wu Pei-fu, interviewed, declared he was opposed to Communism and Bolshevism as destroyers of the country. He would not be surprised if Peng Yu-hsing asked in conjunction with him and launched an attack on Mukden.

Wu Pei-fu declared most emphatically that unless the country was put in proper order, the Powers would be unwise to hold the Tariff Conference. It would be better for them if they never started it, for it would not be recognized as legal. Marshal Wu Pei-fu arrived at Hankow yesterday.

Hankow, Oct. 22.

Hankow Tapan has issued a proclamation declaring the independence of the Province.

It adds that Chang Tain-chang plans to proclaim himself Emperor or to restore the Manchus.

A message from "Singtao" states that the Peking leader Chang Sung-chang has established his headquarters at Hanchowfu.

Chang Tain-chang has dismissed Admiral Wen Shou-fu, who is suspected of sympathizing with Marshal Wu Pei-fu. Admiral Wen Shou-fu succeeds to the vacancy.

WHAT HE SAYS.

Marshal Wu Pei-fu, in an interview with Reuter, states that he previously advocated the use of force to suppress mal-administration and uphold law, but when his policy failed for peace, the people since had had a term of so-called peace wherein conditions had become so bad that an appeal had now reached him from fourteen provinces, to which it was his duty to respond.

He is opposed to Communism and thinks that Marshal Peng Yu-hsing (the Christian General) will co-operate with him, and he would not be surprised if Peng launched an attack independently against Mukden.

In conclusion, Wu Pei-fu hoped that Shantung and Chihbi would join him without fighting.

## FALL OF FRANC.

FINANCIAL PROSPECTS ANXIETY.

(Reuter's Service.)

Paris, October 22.

The fall of the franc which closed at 112 to 115 to the pound, is attributed to an increasing anxiety regarding financial prospects. Sellers are mainly Frenchmen who are hastily buying sterling and dollars to cover commercial needs lest the franc further declines.

## FAIR CRUSH.

FIFTY-FOUR PEOPLE KILLED.

(Reuter's Service.)

Calcutta, October 22.

Fifty-four people were killed and 49 injured at the annual fair at Tantan, attended by nearly a million people while the mounted police were endeavouring to clear a way for one of the Ministers.

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## CORRESPONDENCE.

CANTON'S LABOUR TYRANNY.

(To the Editor of the China Mail.)

Sir,—In the "Canton Gazette" of yesterday was published an order issued by the Military Council of the Nationalist Government to various organisations which reads as follows:—

"The letter of the Strike Committee stated that they received a report from the Patrol Leader Chan Chuk declaring that a service steamer was seen smuggling provisions to the enemies, and passengers to Hongkong and Macao. The Government was requested to order the different organisations to notify their subordinates not to violate the strike, as such action when found out would be strictly dealt with. It was decided at the meeting of the Standing Committee to hand over the matter to the Military Council for settlement. All military officials are expected to restrict their subordinates and to adhere to this order."

Not having seen any formal declaration of war we are wondering who the enemies were, but perhaps two incidents which occurred on the same day may throw some light on the subject.

A Swiss citizen resident on Shantung, having a business call on a Chinese friend in the City was by the latter presented with a seasonal delicacy in the shape of a tin of birds. On returning he was stopped by the strike pickets outside the French bridge, who informed him that no food stuffs were permitted to enter the island.

The same thing happened to a member of the American Consular Service who was later in the day being taken to a house of banishment. It would, therefore, appear that unless these citizens of two friendly sister nations received supplies from Hongkong, they are confronted with the alternative of dying of starvation or of leaving Kwangtung.

Such is the strike pickets' inhumanity to "guests" from abroad, but their inhumanity towards their own kith and kin goes somewhat further. A hospital saw fit recently to dispense with the services of three incompetent gardeners. This resulted in the calling out of all servants, and as the hospital draws its water supply from wells, water for the inmates, including 150 wounded men from the Eastern Front, was practically non-obtainable. As these could not be allowed to die of thirst or have their condition aggravated on account of lack of water wherewith to wash and dress their wounds the hospital authorities had, after three days, to capitulate and accept the terms dictated which were that no person can be discharged except with the consent of Strike Committee, and even if that be accorded, wages up to the end of the current month must be paid plus one month's extra wages.

This callous treatment was meted out by these petty tyrants, whom the Government acknowledge its inability to control, not to "guests" such as the Yunnanese, whom, after they have fought one battles, one thing into camps and stones to death with paving stones, nor "dograining" Cantonese headmen of the traitor Chan Kwing-ming, but to full-blooded one hundred percent. nationalist soldiers of the Cadet armies, who are for the moment (as in the past were the two former categories) acclaimed as the saviours of their country! Comment is superfluous.

Yours, etc.,

A RESIDENT OF OVER 30 YEARS.

Canton, October 21, 1925.

THE DAIRY FARM, ICE & COLD STORAGE COMPANY, LIMITED.

NOTICE TO SHAREHOLDERS.

THE TWENTY-NINTH ORDINARY ANNUAL MEETING OF Shareholders in the above Company will be held at the Company's Town Office, 2, Lower Albert Road, Hongkong, on SATURDAY, 24th OCTOBER, 1925, at Noon, for the purpose of presenting the Report of the Directors and Statement of Accounts to 31st July, 1925.

THE COMPANY will be CLOSED from the 15th to the 24th October, 1925, both days inclusive.

By Order,  
M. MANUK,  
Secretary.  
Hongkong, 8th October, 1925.

## QUEEN'S THEATRE.

ANOTHER EXCELLENT PROGRAMME.

MUSIC AND COMEDY.

Three distinctive items contribute to the success of the current programme at the Queen's Theatre.

The most novel for Hongkong is to be found in the xylophone selections of Mr. Ted Sanborn, whose classical and jazz selections are a source of the greatest delight to the audience, prolonged applause and insistent cries of "encore" greeting each number.

The feature film, "The Tenser," is all that the exhibitors claim for it—vivacious, told capably acted and skilful filmed. The story is at once a fulfilment of dramatic interest and excellent humour, with many a dry touch for those who enjoy the subtle. Laura La Plante is charming in the leading role.

The Gaumont Graphic's 15th Anniversary Number is rightly described as a veritable pageant of contemporary history, not the least interesting of the scenes depicted being the Funeral of King Edward and the Coronation of King George.

This notable programme will be repeated this evening and tomorrow.

## DANCING DISPLAY.

MISS CAPELL'S TALENTED PUPILS.

SUCCESSFUL DRESS REHEARSAL.

A full dress rehearsal for the annual dancing display by the pupils of Miss Violet Capell was held at the Theatre Royal yesterday when about 60 pupils took part in a programme which contained many attractive items.

Although the display will not take place until November 7, hurried preparations had to be made for yesterday's rehearsal owing to the hall not being available on the date arranged for the rehearsal. In spite of this fact, the pupils went through their respective parts in a creditable manner, and with nearly double the number of pupils taking part this year the success of this event is assured. Some of the pupils were tiny children, and those who were present were accorded the privilege of seeing the results of capable tuition.

The musical scores have been suitably chosen, and the dresses are of excellent design. The brilliance of the costumes was shown in the crowning item, the Butterfly Ballet, in which all the pupils took part.

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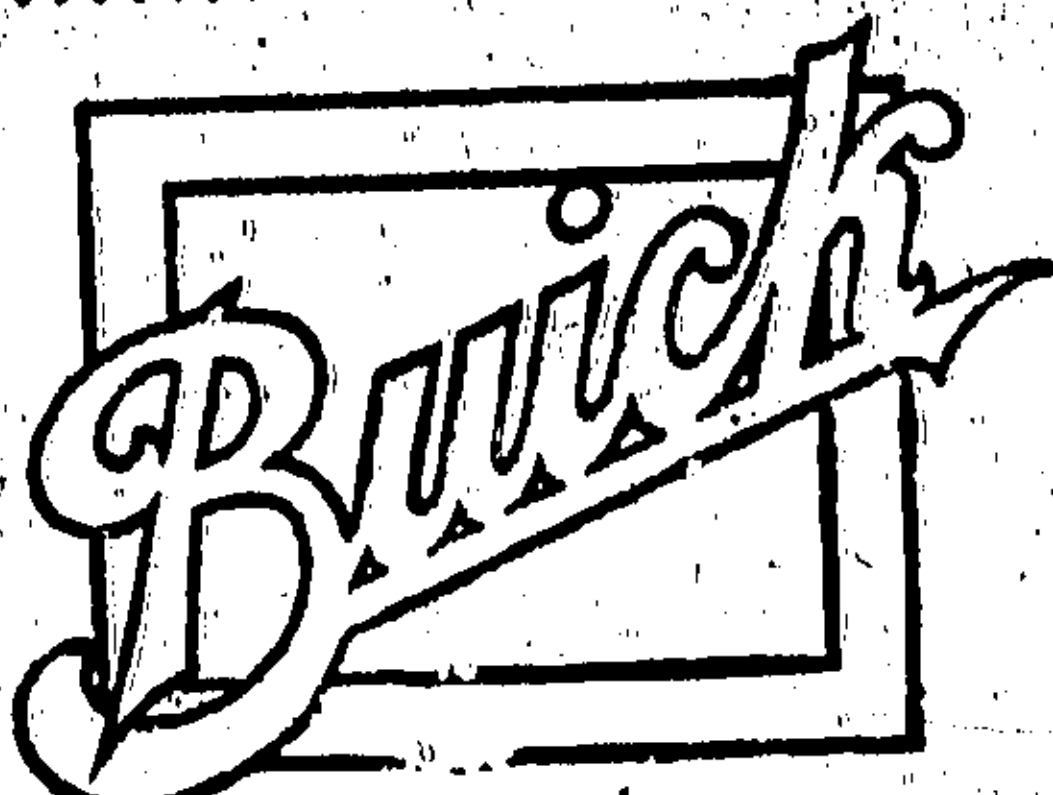
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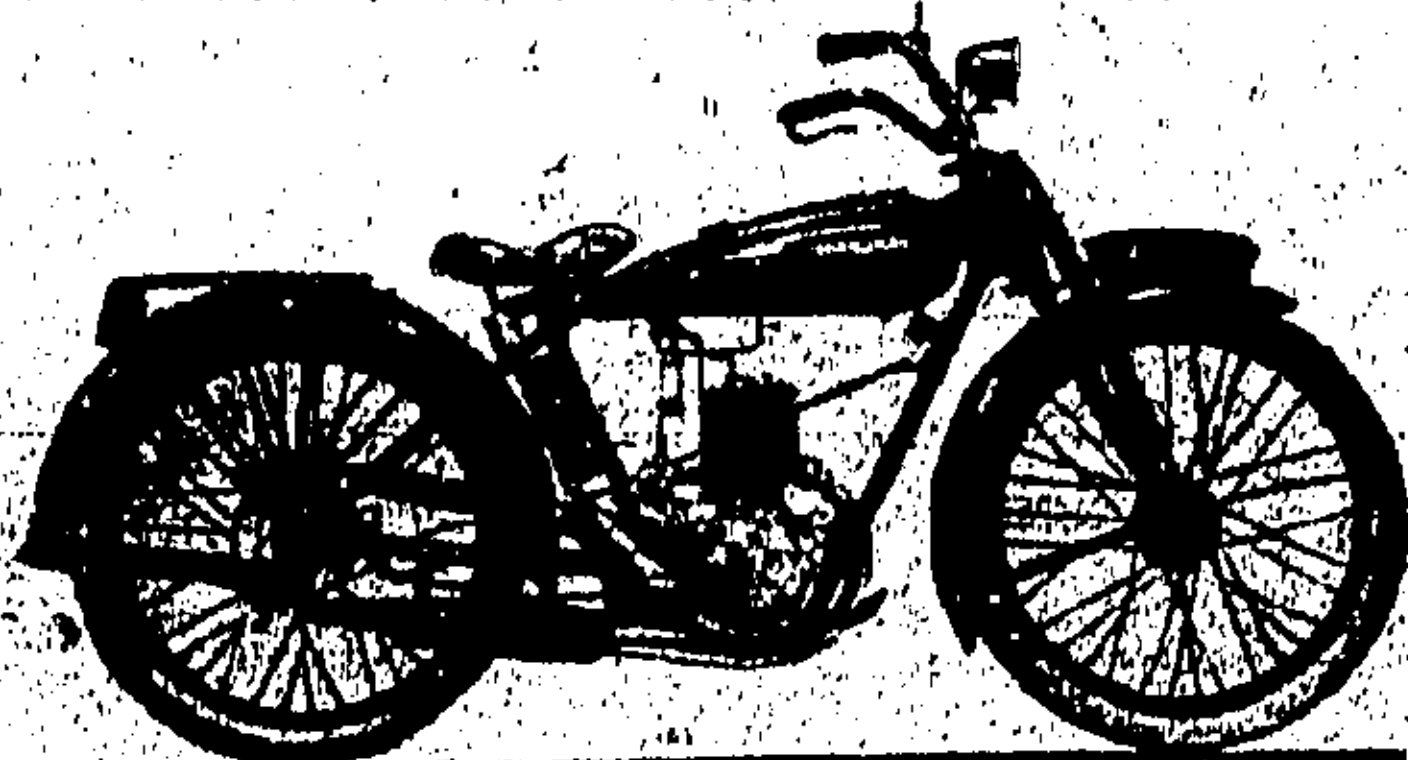
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# LOCAL AND GENERAL.

The return of notifiable diseases for the 24 hours ended Wednesday shows one Chinese case of diphtheria.

H.M.S. "Weymouth," which a few days ago arrived from Home with the new crew for the "Carlisle," is scheduled to leave here with the old crew next Monday.

The entries for the Technical Instruction Classes to be held in Kowloon under the auspices of the Educational Board are as follows:—Mathematics, nine; Chemistry (Practical) four; (Theoretical) four; Physics four; Cookery, nine; French (First year) 11; (Second year) 14; Shorthand, 12; Bookkeeping, seven.

In deference to the opinion expressed in the report of the Stock and Share Commission, questioning the advisability of keeping the Exchange closed for a long period, it was decided at an extraordinary general meeting of the members to open the Hongkong Stock Exchange on Saturday, October 24.

The total number of Chinese immigrants arriving at Singapore for the year to date was 149,951 compared with 141,553 for the corresponding period of last year. Of these, the adult males number respectively 100,130 and 99,249. The Chinese deck passengers who left Singapore for China during the same period totalled 52,867 in this year against 63,590 last year.

Heidelberg university town has set the pace among German cities in its efforts to solve housing conditions. During the last three years the city has erected 1,500 municipally owned houses and has provided an additional 1,000 single rooms by partitioning off garrets. The houses have been constructed almost without exception on the quadrangle plan, with the interior square made into a park and playground. Each quadrangle accommodates from 15 to 25 families.

A new magazine, entitled "Muscoliniana," destined to spread the influence of Facism abroad, has been founded at Milan by several party leaders. They will have the collaboration of the most important, Fascist and Fascist-sympathizing authors and publicists.

With the donating by Dr. Lorne Pierce of a gold medal to the Royal Society of Canada at its last meeting, Canadian literature for the first time in its history will be in a position to receive such recognition as is awarded by the French Academy to distinguished authors. Canadian literature, some achievement of special significance and consequent merit, in either the English or French language.

A new scheme for the improvement of Irish roads has been decided on by the Free State Government at a cost of nearly \$4,000,000. It is proposed to bring 1,500 miles of trunk roads to a standard which will give a road life of eight to ten years. The laden weight of new motor lorries will be restricted to nine tons, under the plan, and owners of horse drawn vehicles will be compelled to use wheels with wide rims.

Three members of the Italian Alpine Club have successfully accomplished the ascent of Punta Castelluccio, on the Italian Alps, and added that victory to several others which had already gained renown for them. They left Courmayeur, on the Italian side of Mont Blanc, and after two days' ascent they reached the rock-pinnacled Punta Castelluccio, so called after Signor Castelluccio, who made first ascent eighteen years ago. Since then this peak was only reached once, in 1918, by three other Italians. This marks the greatest feat of the Italian Alpine Club this year.

Felix the Cat has recently got himself into trouble in London—over a set of pocket handkerchiefs. Apparently some enterprising foreign handkerchief manufacturer thought his wares would be improved with a little embroidered picture of Felix in the corner, but unfortunately he made the mistake of trying to gift the cat by adding a pair of silk whiskers to Felix's already superabundant cotton charms. All told, there were only six silk stitches per cat, but the luckless fellow had reckoned without the silk tax. Downounced the customs authorities with more than fine agility and demanded payment of a two per cent. ad valorem duty. Which goes to show, as J. M. Hogg, the well-known Liberal politician, said in writing to the press about the incident, "A stitch in time saves nine, but one in silk costs money."

British Columbia's new system of private beer sale in licensed bars, established less than six months ago, already is gaining rapidly in public disfavor in many parts of the province. That the new beer bars are not increasing regard for law, as their advocates promised, is indicated by the action of Esquimalt Municipality, outside Victoria, which is demanding compensation from the provincial government for the added cost of municipal police since beer sale commenced.

The police, the municipal authorities state, find that the beer bars increase their work greatly and they are endeavouring to secure the support of other municipalities in their request for further Government assistance. It is also complained that the cost of maintaining roads will be increased by the extra traffic from neighbouring municipalities where no beer bars exist. Many of the existing licensed premises combine most of the objectionable features of the pre-prohibition bar. In addition, women are admitted to the present establishment.

# SOCIAL AND PERSONAL.

The Kowloon British School Association held their first dance at the season last night. There was a very large attendance of old pupils of the School and their friends.

With her husband Mrs. Kopp, wife of the Soviet Ambassador in Tokyo, was received in audience by her Majesty the Empress of Japan at the Pavilion Hall in the Imperial Palace on Thursday morning (8th inst.). Her Majesty shook hands with Mrs. Kopp, and entertained her to tea in a separate chamber.

Their Majesties the King and Queen of Belgium, after spending their holiday in India following their Silver Wedding, are returning home by the N.Y.K. Liner s.s. "Suwa Maru," sailing from Colombo to-day. Their private names are Count and Countess de Rethy. They are accompanied by Dr. Pierre Nolf, Capt. Robert Goffinet, Miss Marguerite Peck and Mr. Theophile Van Dyck. The steamer will arrive at Marseilles on November 8.

Mr. John D. Rockefeller has, at the age of 86, dropped into poetry. His effort runs:—  
I was early taught to work as well as play;  
My life has been one long, happy holiday,  
Full of work, and full of play—I dropped the worry on the way—  
And God was good to me every day.

We are afraid that if Mr. Rockefeller had not been a millionaire his poem would not have received much if any publicity, says the "Japan Chronicle."

The task of finishing the fourth act of Giacomo Puccini's uncompleted opera "Turandot," has been entrusted, with the consent of Puccini's son and of Arturo Toscanini, the conductor of the orchestra of the Scala Theatre of Milan, to Franco Alfano, the director of the Liceo Musicale of Turin. The opera will be included among the new cases to be produced this year at the La Scala, and it has been proposed that at the point of the last act where Puccini left off, one of the singers will remind the audience that the rest of the score was finished by another composer. Meanwhile it has been decided to honour the memory of the famous composer by erecting a bust in the foyer of the great Milan theatre, and to place it near those of Giuseppe Verdi and Arrigo Boito.

Woman lawyers of Montserrat, America, have banded together to give legal aid to women who are in need of assistance and have not the means with which to pay for it. There are five women who belong to this new organization: Mrs. W. H. Mitchell, Mrs. Bernice Osgood, Miss Alice Doyle, Mrs. S. T. Shank and Mrs. Frank Richardson. Over a doorway to a cubby-hole of an office in one of Montserrat's office buildings is the legend: "Legal Aid Mondays and Thursdays." In this little office on the days mentioned the five women take turns giving advice to women who come to them.

Prince Umberto, heir to the Italian throne, has now attained his majority. The Prince becomes a member of the Senate, receives an allowance of 2,000,000 lire yearly, and forms his own civil and military households. Admiral Bonaldi, who has been the Prince's tutor for the past twelve years, ceases his functions and returns to active service in the navy. The Prince will take up his residence in Turin, where the ninety-first regiment of infantry, of which he recently was appointed lieutenant, is stationed. Turin has been for many years the residence of princes belonging to the House of Savoy. The Prince has received thousands of messages of congratulation from all parts of Italy.

Dr. Wilfred Grenfell who was recently in Hongkong writes the following in the course of an article in the "Contemporary Review":—The pigtailed have mostly gone from the heads of Chinamen, but are only going slowly from their minds. The walls which obscure the light and air from people's houses, though originally put there to keep spirits from getting in, for the latter can't turn corners, are falling down nowadays; one seldom sees the scaffolding of a new house ornamented with branches at the top to make spirits, trying to get into the house, think it is a forest. Here, as in India, a new international language is springing up, because even when five generals came down in Shanghai to discuss a campaign they couldn't understand one another—the Cantonese and Pekingese dialects being as different almost as French and English. So one finds English here as in India and Palestine and Mesopotamia and Malaya springing up into general use for international purposes.

Messrs. C. A. Aslet, J. A. Gratton, H. S. G. Isitt, F. W. Mackie, J. S. McCann (formerly of Hongkong), J. W. Ritchie, and C. Thorn have been elected to the Committee of the Kobe A.D.C.

The Couperins are among the ornaments of French music. Several members of this musical dynasty, Louis, Francois, and Charles, were born at Chateaufort-en-Brie. It is pleasing to observe that on the demand of Charles Bouvet, who has written much about them, the Municipal Council has unanimously decided that the name of Couperin shall be given to an important street of the town. This is the pleasant French practice of commemorating its notable men by naming public thoroughfares after them.

The London Police made a first raid on a private house under the new Wireless Act and removed a wireless set from a house in Knightsbridge occupied by Mr. R. M. Ford who for a year has been challenging the Postmaster-General to compel him to take a wireless licence. The raid was made under a magisterial order sought by postal officials who had previously called at the house in response to Ford's invitation to inspect the apparatus and found a big Union Jack pinned across the door and a note stating "an Englishman's home is his castle."

The Central News Agency records a remarkable feat by Miss Ellen Jackson, a 15-year-old Essex girl, who, accompanied by one guide, ascended the Matterhorn, Switzerland, on the 60th anniversary of its first ascent, taking seven and a half hours, including halts, whereas the usual time is nine hours, excluding halts. She began climbing in 1922 on the Dent, Bonaveau, then the Allalin Horn, accompanied by her 11-year-old brother. Later, she did the Kaiser George, Baur Horn, and the Riffel Horn, and other peaks, often without a guide.

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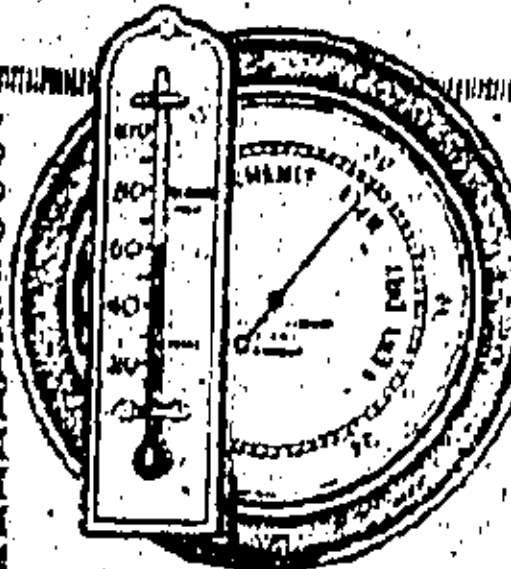
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## INTERPORT RUGBY.

HOPES TO MEET SHANGHAI AGAIN.

MATCH AT CHRISTMAS.

[By Cross-bar.]

There is good reason to think that an interport rugby match will be played against Shanghai some time in the Christmas season.

Last season Shanghai sent down a team and beat Hongkong by a narrow margin. Hongkong have now written up to Shanghai inquiring about the prospects of a match at Christmas.

On receipt of favourable advice from Shanghai, arrangements will be made to get a local XV together to go up and to play the competition.

According to the card, the rugby section of the H.K.F.C. are down to play H.M.S. "Hawkins" to-morrow but the ground will be used for soccer instead. It is hoped, however, that a game will be fixed up for next week.

Local rugby enthusiasts wanting a game should communicate with Mr. G. B. Lamont, J.R.C. Messrs. W. R. Loxley & Co., Export Dept., telephone C2523.

## HARBOUR SWIM.

YESTERDAY'S RACE FOR LADIES.

MRS. OWEN HUGHES SET.

Using a strong overarm stroke all the way and finishing fresh, Miss V. Owen-Hughes had an easy victory in the harbour swim for ladies yesterday (for the McKinnon Challenge Cup) although it was her first attempt in the race.

At six entrants started and completed the course, the times (for the distance of about a mile) being:

Miss V. Owen-Hughes, 41 2  
D. M. Bouchier, 46 26.5  
Doris Hunt, 50 39  
B. George, 50 50  
Phyllis Hunt, 62 51.5  
M. Vas, 73 45.5

A slack tide was counterbalanced by a choppy wind which made swimming difficult. For the first 50 yards or so, Miss D. Hunt and Miss George led but when 200 yards had been covered Miss Owen-Hughes was in front. Miss Bouchier, who started with an overarm stroke, changed to breast stroke at one stage when second and in striking distance, and subsequently reverted to the overarm stroke.

Gradually the other swimmers increased their lead and won easily. Miss George went wide and lost third place, tired out. Miss Vas swam with a steady breast stroke but was weary in the rear.

Miss Molly Groundwater, who has won several years in the V.R.C. clubhouse.

Mr. W. Logan acted as starter and the Rev. C. T. Waldegrave as judge. Timekeepers were Messrs. R. C. Whitell, W. Anderson and the Rev. Waldegrave.

This afternoon the "open" race for men will be held. C. J. Cooke, the veteran who brought off a surprise win last year, has entered.

It is anticipated that a large crowd will be at the Praya wall outside the V.R.C. to see the finish.

## INTERPORT GOLF.

HONGKONG BEHIND ON SINGLES.

Manila hit two up in their interport golf match with Hongkong. Yesterday they won the singles by 4-2.

Mr. L. R. Andrews and Mr. W. Douglas won their matches for Hongkong (the home representatives) defeating Mr. N. L. Smith (captain), J. M. Walker, C. Bulmer Johnson and D. G. Bruce.

Four more will be played today.

At the V.R.C. yesterday H.M.S. "Hermes" beat H.M.S. "Ambrose" by 2 goals to nil in the local water polo league.

## C.C.C. REPORT.

CRAGGOWER ANNUAL MEETING.

STRONG POSITION SHOWN.

At the annual general meeting of members of the Craggower Cricket Club, held at the club house, on Wednesday (October 22) at 5.30 p.m., the following report will be submitted by the committee, revealing a very strong position.

Cricket: The Club entered a team in the First Division of the League Competition and the result may be considered quite satisfactory, being a great improvement on that of recent years. It is to be hoped that they will do even better during the present season. In addition to the League fixtures for the First XI several attractive matches were arranged on the Club ground including two all-day matches with the Hongkong Recreation Club. Mr. T. Grimes heads the batting average in eight out of ten Club and League matches. Mr. S. Abbot has the best bowling average.

Tennis: There was great interest taken in this branch of sport, both by the old and new players. If this interest is maintained, due consideration will have to be given towards the extension of the present available courts in order to avoid congestion. The prevailing disturbed conditions prevented a commencement of the Hongkong Tennis League games for which the Club had entered two teams and owing to the lateness of the season it was recently decided to abandon the league for this year. The usual Club tournaments were held and resulted as under:

Scratch Singles: J. W. Leonard, runner-up, E. Fincher. Singles Handicap: J. W. Leonard, runner-up, B. W. Bradbury.

Doubles Handicap: H. J. Howard and A. R. Remedios, runners-up, V. P. Sousa and F. K. Madi.

Mixed Doubles: E. Fincher and Miss Mowfung, runners-up, Mr. and Mrs. B. W. Bradbury.

Lawn Bowls: The keenness shown by the players last year was maintained throughout the season and, as a reward of the enthusiasm displayed, the Club team secured the premier position in the Hongkong Lawn Bowls League, having won 8 out of 10 matches played. This success is most gratifying and should encourage new blood in such numbers as to render it possible to enter a team in the 2nd Division during the next season. Representatives were also entered for the other Championship competitions held by the Association, which still remain uncompleted. Club competitions were held during the season and resulted as follows:

Club Singles: G. Green; runner-up, L. S. Rossell.

Open Singles: H. J. Dennis; runner-up, G. Green.

Pairs: R. Bala and E. Arculli; runners-up, R. W. Lee and A. Kitchell.

Rink: A. Grimmit, A. K. Taylor, W. E. Rose, A. Gillard.

Billiards: The tables are in a good state of repair and the cover of one of the tables was renewed during the year. The tables are well patronised and great interest was evinced in the two tournaments which resulted as under:

Winter Handicap: A. Kitchell; runner-up, R. Bala.

Summer Handicap: A. Haverkamp; runner-up, C. A. Rodrigues.

Club House: The building is in good condition and no repairs have been necessary during the year under review. Owing to the rapid increase in the membership the present dressing room is found inadequate and steps will soon have to be considered to extend the accommodation.

Membership: The number on the roll is 417.

Obituary: The Committee much regret to record the death on September 8, of our popular President, Mr. C. H. Lyson. He was one of the oldest members of the Club and, besides being a Life Member, had held office since his election to the Presidency in 1922.

Finance: The working account shows a balance of \$1,609.94.

The thanks of the Club are due to the following donors of prizes: Messrs. E. Abraham, W. Allen, B. W. Bradbury, A. P. Greaves, A. A. Gutierrez and F. W. Shaffain.

(Continued at foot of next column.)

## LEAGUE CRICKET.

FAREWELL TO SIR CLAUD SEVERN.

TO-MORROW'S FULL DAY.

All the cricket pitches of the various Clubs in the Colony will be in use to-morrow. The programme is quite full and interesting, including as it does four league games (two in each division) and three friendly matches. The following are the league matches:

Indian R.C. v. Hongkong C.C. on the I.R.C. ground, Soekumpoo.

University v. East Surreys on the Varsity ground, Pokfulam.

Hongkong C.C. (2nd XI) v. Indian R.C. (2nd XI) on the I.R.C. ground.

Kowloon C.C. (2nd XI) v. University (2nd XI) on the R.C.C. ground, Kowloon.

In "friendly" games the Craggower C.C. will entertain the Police R.C. and the Chinese Recreation Club will be at home to the Diocesan Boys' School.

The President's Inter-Club match to-morrow on the Civil Service Club ground, which is in the nature of a farewell to the Hon. Sir Claud Severn, promises to be an outstanding event and should draw a large attendance.

Sir Claud will himself lead one of the teams, which will be chosen from the following:

Messrs. A. G. M. Fletcher, G. R. Sayer, E. W. Hamilton, W. H. Edmonds, R. C. Wiche, A. W. Grimmit, H. G. Wallington, F. J. Ling, H. F. Westlake, E. E. Booker, F. H. Holdman, E. J. de Rome, E. C. Fincher, F. Baker, R. D. Evans, E. A. Bastin, H. F. Harper, C. S. W. Jeffries, E. E. Reed, E. S. W. Patterson, E. E. Lawrence, H. E. Strang, Ursell and E. J. Edwards. Umpires: Messrs. T. T. Lambie and A. O. Brown. Score: Mr. W. F. Fincher.

The following will represent the University 1st XI in the league match against the East Surreys: A. A. Rumbold (capt.), Ray, E. K. Quick, H. N. Ballhatch, A. S. Helt, S. Hachima, Dr. D. K. Sany, S. O. Shahabudin, W. H. Shug, E. Zimmern, D. Laing, E. P. Ng.

The University 2nd XI in their league fixture with the Kowloon C.C. will be represented by B. N. Sudan (capt.), W. M. Gittins, C. A. Peterson, C. W. Lam, A. T. M. Harman, H. Q. Hunt, Y. C. Teh, V. P. R. Vitee, C. K. Ong, H. Y. Leung and C. H. Yeoh. Reserve: F. Hiptoola.

The Indian R.C. 2nd XI representatives in their league game with the Hongkong C.C. will be J. M. Aekkar, J. Cassambhoy, I. Hassan, S. A. R. Ismail (capt.), A. S. Ismail, M. P. Madar, A. R. Minu, R. Nazarin, S. A. Rumbold, D. M. Razack and Y. A. Wahn.

For this match the Club 2nd XI will be: H. S. Gordon, H. Griffin, J. Halk, H. E. Hollands, A. K. Mackenzie, L. D. McNicoll (capt.), D. E. G. Nicholson, H. V. Parker, T. D. E. Pendered, D. Reid and G. Skinner.

The Club 1st XI to go down to Soekumpoo is: A. C. I. Bowker, G. F. Gardner, R. Hancock (capt.), A. W. Hayward, H. Owen-Hughes, E. J. R. Mitchell, T. E. Pearce, L. P. Ralph, E. F. Stewart, G. R. Vallack, and R. E. A. Webster.

Last Saturday the Indian R.C. lost by 177 runs to 208 runs for 9 wickets to the Royal Artillery at Soekumpoo. This was given as a "friendly" match. As a matter of fact it was the opening league fixture of the season and the R.A. are to be congratulated on their victory.

A team race between the Scottish Co. and "the Rest" of the Volunteer Defence Corps is to be the feature of the final aquatic night of the season at the V.R.C. to-morrow.

Batting Averages.

Names Innings Average

T. Grimes 8 17.28  
S. Abbas 10 16.55  
D. Fritz 9 16.15  
B. W. Bradbury 8 15.25

Bowling Averages.

Names Wickets Average

S. Abbas 34 22.5  
D. Fritz 25 18.2  
R. G. Reed 12 19.0

## LOCAL SOCCER.

CLUB PROSPECTS THIS SEASON.

NOTES AND COMMENT.

[By Man Mo.]

Unless a great change in form has been seen in the first two weeks—takes place, the Surrey Regiment is likely to gain the principal club honours of local soccer this season. In their few public appearances of any consequence so far they have shown that they will be just as strong as before. I refer particularly to the senior eleven who are the league champions. Kowloon look to be the only club who will throw out a serious challenge. Outside of the club competitions it is difficult to speak as a good deal will rest with the selectors. The infantry reserves and drummers have been defeated in the second division "A" but both will still give good accounts of themselves.

South China, runners-up in the senior league last year, are decidedly weaker by the absence of Li Wai-tong, the interport inside left and Lai Yuk-tat, the right back. Their beginning has been none too impressive. After the defeat at the hands of the "Tamar" last Saturday I asked Chan So, the left back, what he thought about the new off-side rule as applied here. He fearfully remarked that a Nam Pak Hong supporter attributed the change to the Home authorities not being able to sell off their last edition of rule book!

In all seriousness Chan So thinks that there is no necessity to make a new disposition on the field, at least as far as his team is concerned. The speeding up of the game for forwards means that the defence will have to do a great deal more. His opinion was that strict positional play may give way to an ubiquitous middle line backed by a pair of fast moving backs. Half-backs, Chan So said, should not hang back one jot but continue to feed the forwards judiciously. He was thankful that his colleagues in the middle line were a mobile lot, running back to keep invaders out and each marking his own man. Legue Yik-tong, his skipper, had set the example by roving in from right half towards the left and the solution from the point of view of a full back, according to Mr. Chan, was to let speed counteract the advantage given to the attackers by the new law.

As individuals, the S.C.A.A. half backs came up to expectations last Saturday, I think, but as a combination of a line it was not quite successful. On the other hand, the three Chinese halves were constructive enough to keep the vanguard on the move and they generally got the better of the Naval attackers—except when a misunderstanding led to the goal which gave the points to the "Tamar". If there had been an opportunity like Humberstone at centre forward, it might have been a different story. Wong Pak-chung seldom, if ever, tried to burst through on his own. Even when quite close up, he gave short passes to his inside supporters instead of banging at goal.

Whenever the Surrey inside forwards received a pass within shooting range in their league match against the Police last Saturday, they tried to bustle through by skill and speed. Unlike the Chinese they seldom passed the ball in the air. The leather was mostly on the "floor" for the three inside men, meaning a gain of several yards and fractions of seconds which count. Towards the end Eaton, at inside right, tried to open up the game. One thing that I noticed about their very pretty football is that their play is so obvious. When a Surrey forward made a short pass, he appeared to signal a partner and Wynne generally got the signal as well. I cannot place the Surrey forwards as winning myself exclusively to the art of feinting on a par with those of the Middlesex Regiment, the infantry stationed here some years ago. One could never tell what they were going to do.

Just as the halves of the Police and the "Tamar" hung back too much and thereby neglected their respective front lines, so did some of the inside forwards of the four senior teams at Soekumpoo last Saturday fail in their duty to assist the defence. Content to stay well up and wait for the ball, one or two struck me as never having thought of "using up" one of the opposition, or making the rival half back part with the ball. To hustle, hurry or feint to

## SOCCER HONOUR.

ENGLAND'S CAPTAIN FOR TO-MORROW.

THREE BROTHER "BLUES."

Ah—reference in this page on Wednesday that C. T. (Claude) Ashton—who is to be England's captain for the International soccer match against Ireland at Belfast to-morrow—was one of "three brothers who captained Cambridge at cricket," and himself was a cricket Blue in 1921-3, a reader sends me the following from a Home paper, adding that the brief note does not do him justice. It reads:

Hubert and Claude were triple Blues (cricket, soccer, and hockey) and Gilbert a double Blue (cricket and soccer). All three captained Cambridge at cricket, Gilbert in 1921, Claude in 1922, and Hubert in 1923, recalling the almost similar case of the Studds (G. B., C. T., and J. E. K.) except for the fact that the Studds became captains in their fourth year at the Varsity, while the honour fell to the Ashtons in their third. All played for the Corinthians, and Claude got his amateur cap for England against Wales, adding later the further distinction of representing Essex in county cricket. What Hubert did against the great Australian XI, of 1921, both at Cambridge and Eastbourne, is only one more page added to a wonderful chapter of Varsity sport.

[I may add that the Ashtons were Winchester boys and I believe Winchelsea has also played in county cricket. Hubert's great sporting career has lapsed on account of his leaving the Old Country shortly after coming down from Cambridge.—W.P.C.]

tackle the other man often means that more chance is given to one's own halves or backs to intercept the ball.

This Saturday the "B" section of the 2nd division, Hongkong Football League, will commence its programme with the full ten teams. There will also be the first league and 2nd division "A" matches which will practically mean every recognised pitch being occupied during the afternoon.

On Tuesday, the Recreation Grounds Committee met and it is hoped that the vexed question of the control of grounds will soon be a matter of the past.

Teams announced for to-morrow are:

Kowloon, 1st XI v. Police, at Kowloon, 4.30 p.m.; Vickers; Wheeler, Read; Turvey, Caveille, Hayes (captain); Taylor, McBride, Lincker, Austen, Mason. Reserve: A. Duncan.

The Police team is: Clark; Wynne, Harle, Brittain, Orem, Post; Cornwall, McEwen, Noonan, Johnson, Randle.

Hongkong F.C. v. H.M.S. "Tamar" at the Club ground, 4.30 p.m.; the Naval team being: Wavish; Futter, Lean; Sandys, Carter, Regan; Hanwell, Summers, Rowkins, Blake, Birchall. Reserve: Gray, Badcock, Savage.

Kowloon Reserves v. H.K.F.C. Reserves, at Kowloon 3 p.m.; Rasmussen; Guest, Urquhart; Street, Brown (captain), Pasco; Morris, Latham, Vickers, Fitzgerald, Eastman. Reserve: Millard.

The Club Reserves team is: G. B. Slipper; W. G. Gerrard, H. Oswick; A. Howell, A. McBride, G. Punchedon; B. Bell, D. J. Purves, D. Lyon (captain), S. O. Hill, C. Curtis. Reserves: L. H. Garrod, D. Black.

Below will be found the local league tables to date:

Division I.					Goals
	P.	W.	D.	L.	F.
Kowloon	2	2	0	0	8
Tamar	2	2	0	0	3
Surreys	1	1	0	0	3
H.K.F.C.	2	1	0	1	2
R.A.	2	0	1	3	4
South China	2	0	1	2	3
Police	2	0	2	2	4

Div. II (Sec. A).					Goals
	P.	W.	D.	L.	F.
South China	2	2	0	0	3
R.A. Res.	2	2	0	0	4
Surreys Res.	2	1	0	1	3
Surreys D.	2	1	0	1	2
Kowloon Res.	2	1	0	1	2
Club de Rec.	2	1	0	1	2
Club Res.	2	0	2	1	0
St. Joseph's	2	0	2	1	0

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L. S. D. OF LAWN TENNIS.

(Reuter's Service.)

London, October 22. The English Lawn Tennis Association has announced that it has received formal notice of Jacob's suspension by India. It transpires that the suspension is in no way connected with the references published yesterday, but relates to the question of the All-India Davis Cup team's expenses.

CHARGE FOR MASSAGE. Jacob, interviewed with reference to his suspension, contends he has not broken any Federation rule.

The items objected to in his Davis Cup account consisted of £2 12s. 6d. which is allowed under rule 25; a Brussels muscous's fee of a guinea during the Belgian match; plus a taxi-cab fare or two.

Jacob attributes his victory over Washer (Belgium) to the fact that he massaged.

Moreover, he states that the Indian Davis Cup account, for the first time in its history, showed a profit.

The English Association discusses the matter on October 26.

## LAWN TENNIS.

WELSH COVERED COURT FINAL.

(Times of Ceylon.)

London, October 3. At Llandudno, in the Welsh covered courts lawn tennis championships final, Sir George Thomas beat W. Ireland, 6/1, 6/2, 6/4.

LONDON COUNTRY CLUB.

Hendon, October 3.

The London Country Club lawn tennis finals resulted as follows: Colonel Mayes beat R. Jag Mohan, 6/0, 6/2, 6/0.

Miss P. Holman beat Miss Joan Fry, 6/3, 7/5.

The Hon. F. M. B. Fisher and D. Grieg beat F. Jarvis and H. Field, 5/7, 6/3, 6/3.

Miss Joan Fry and Miss Lumley Ellis beat Miss Hardie and Mrs. Eddington, 6/1, 7/5.

BALING FINALS.

In the Baling tennis finals, Seropa beat Terrey, 2/6, 6/4, 6/2, 7/5.

Miss McKane beat Miss Covell, 6/4, 6/4.

Mrs. Lambert Chambers and Miss McKane beat Miss Covell and Mrs. Stocks, 6/4, 6/0.

D. Hodges and Seropa beat Colonel Berger and Leighton-Tawford, 3/6, 7/5, 6/0.

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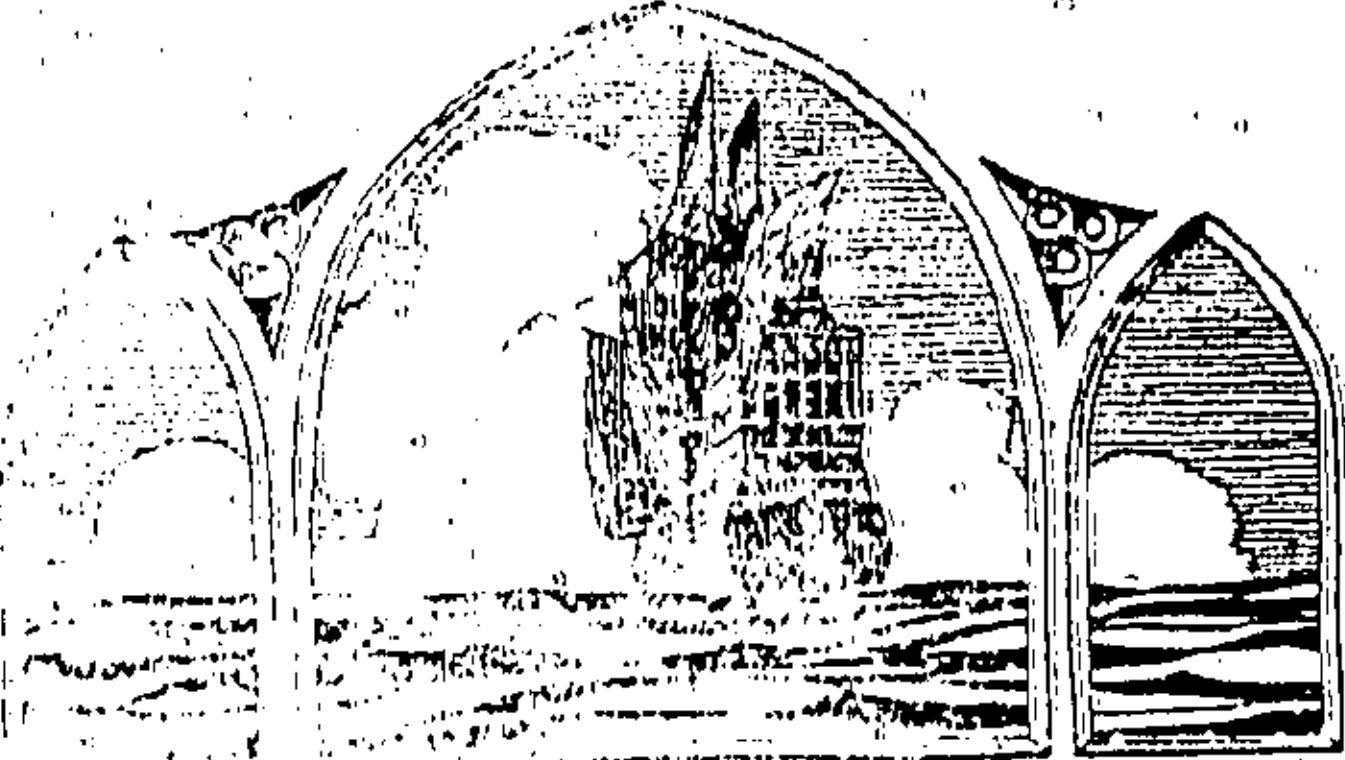
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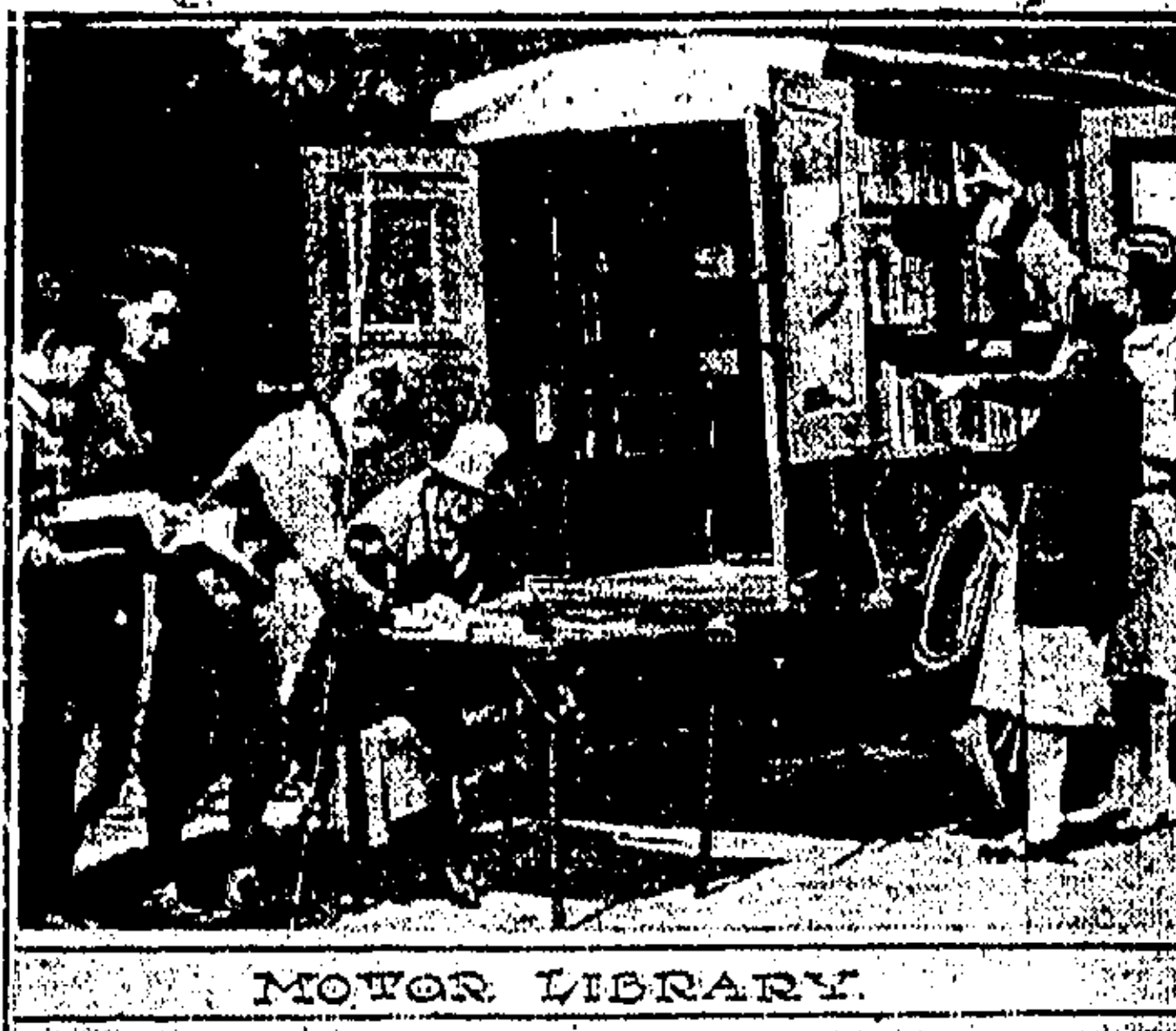
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AMERICAN LEAGUE CHAMPIONS—THE SENATORS.



Although Peckinpaugh, Johnson and Manager Harris were suffering minor injuries, the Senators expected to be fit when they tackle the Pirates in the annual baseball classic. Here are the American champions (back row): Tate, Martin, Russell, Severold, Reuther, Ferguson, Jones, Marberry, Zachary, Blagoe, Myers, Veach. (Middle row): Judge, McNeely, Johnson, Peckinpaugh, Harris, Goulin and Joe Harris. (Front row): Adams, Liebold, Schacht, Ballou, Ruel, Altrock, Cavalekio and Scott.

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In the outlying districts of New York City, the Library on Wheels meanders on its way, supplying reading material to adults and children. Its arrival is awaited anxiously by residents along its route.

SWEATSHOPS MEMORY.



At the Women's Arts Exposition in New York, the sweatshop of the long ago was depicted, women posing to show how the poor foreigners worked and lived in wretched surroundings to eke out a mere existence.

HINDENBURG AT MANŒUVRES.



Not as President, but as Field Marshal, did Von Hindenburg visit the German army in its maneuvers at Mecklenburg, where the small force went through its paces for his special benefit.

RIFFIANS' HARD PRESSED.



Slowly but surely the French and Spanish are advancing against the rebel tribesmen in Morocco where a final assault is soon expected.

NATIONAL LEAGUE WINNERS—THE PIRATES.



Not until it was a mathematical certainty the king was theirs would the Pirates pose for a group of the players who brought a pennant to Pittsburgh for the first time in nearly a decade and a half. In the front row, left to right, are Haas, Moore, Gallatin, Sheehan, Ems, Billy McKee, Wright, Cuyler, Kramer and Goch; second row: Oldham, Smith, Traynor, Mainie, Caray, McKechnie, Clarke, Bigbee, Thompson, Spencer, Grantkane, Anstett, the trainer; top row: Frazier and Hinchman, scouts; Onalov, Brubaker, Aldridge, Sam, Watters, secretary; Barney Drayfuss, president; Sam Drayfuss, treasurer; Rawlings, Yde, Adams, Morrison and Meadows.



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## ODDS AND ENDS

## Self-Satisfaction Stops Progress.

"It is self-satisfaction that every-  
where stops progress; the two can-  
not exist together. A man comes  
into the world with great gifts; at  
first he makes a good use of them,"  
says Ben Fudge in a sermon printed  
in the "Guardian." "This is the  
time when he does his best work, as  
a rule—just before the world dis-  
covers him. After he has succeeded,  
we too often leave a lamentable fall-  
ing off. There is no further real  
advance in the man himself. Fresh  
honours may be heaped upon him,  
but each is less deserved than the  
last." He is now satisfied with him-  
self, and forthwith the vision of him-  
self as a hero fades, the steady  
hand loses its cunning, the sure  
foot stumbles, well if the consequence  
too does not become blunted, and  
if the man does not become a hum-  
bug and a hypocrite. Even in  
the affairs of this world, the man  
who counts himself to have accom-  
plished his task, there will be  
nothing more of interest to say  
about him."

## The Operation of Machine Tools.

The idea underlying the scheme  
of the first machine tools was the  
removal of the control of a tool  
from the hand to a mechanism  
operated by power. Thus, instead  
of rotating a drill with a handle or  
a brace, it was inserted in a spindle  
driven by a hand flywheel and  
bevel gears, or it was belt-driven.  
The first tool was supported in a  
rest, and operated by it. The same  
kind of tool was carried in the tool-  
box of a planer. And so the one-  
tool, one-machine idea remained  
prominent among two genera-  
tions.

The one exception, and that  
was a rather late one, came when  
the process of drilling boiler plates  
suffered from punching, and  
gave birth to the gang-drilling  
machines. The idea did not mature  
in the machine shops until many  
years had elapsed, the single-tool  
system remaining entrenched there.  
Various circumstances have con-  
tributed to produce the present very  
marked change of attitude. Many  
years ago a prolonged strike occur-  
red in a shop because men refused  
to operate more than one machine  
round. Controversy raged round  
the "one-man, one-machine" prin-  
ciple. The Union attitude was de-  
finitely, because, obviously, there  
was a large volume of repetitive  
machine work that did not demand  
the constant supervision of the  
machine-tender. Then, as new  
machines were being designed in  
which self-acting and automatic  
movements were being embodied,  
and for which skilled attendance  
after the setup of tools became  
unnecessary, the old opposition was,  
in a large measure broken, and it  
has become usual for one man to  
attend to more than one machine,  
in cases where the nature of the  
work is such that the time occupied

## in cutting is much longer than that

required for setting up the work or  
the tools. On the other hand, in  
some classes of manufacture the  
time of cutting has been reduced  
so much that the feeding of one  
machine requires the constant at-  
tention of an operator. This is the  
case with the multiple-spindle  
machines, the growth of which has  
been remarkably rapid.—"Engi-  
neering" By Evaporation.

Many readers of these notes will  
have seen the porous causticware  
pots that keep water cool by evapora-  
tion. This principle has recently  
been applied to cold-storage boxes  
for the home. These consist of a  
zinc box with a zinc framework  
outside having porous tile panels,  
the lid being of similar construction.  
If possible, the box is im-  
mersed in water for two minutes  
once a day, and so hygroscopic are  
the tiles that each takes up some-  
thing like a pound of water. During  
the following twenty-four hours  
the water slowly evaporates, with  
the result that the inside of the  
box is kept remarkably cool even  
in the hottest weather. These  
boxes can be taken apart, which  
allows of packing the sides, bottom,  
and lid so that they lie flat. The  
framework is also readily detach-  
able, and thus a new tile can be  
readily substituted for a broken one.  
Several sizes of this variety of cold-  
storage box are made, some of the  
largest being for food-containing  
fridges and basins, others of a smaller  
shape for dishes.—"Chambers's  
Journal."

## Women as Novelists.

That women do not share  
obviously as novelists as men  
is a fact. I have searched  
their literature diligently with-  
out coming upon any plausible ex-  
planation of it. Obviously they  
have the talent demanded by the  
trade, for there have been several  
women novelists of the very first  
rank. I need name only Jane  
Austen, Charlotte Bronte, and  
George Eliot. And equally obvious-  
ly, it holds out peculiar lures to  
them and offers better rewards than  
most of the other arts they prac-  
tise. Nevertheless, very few  
women of the superior variety go  
in for it, and so there are not many  
women novelists of genuine dignity.  
Women, I believe, ought to be far  
more successful as novelists than  
they are, for the sort of thing that  
belongs properly in novels is pre-  
cisely the sort of thing they are  
mainly interested in and know most  
about. I refer to manners. What  
a man believes deeply and passion-  
ately cannot be put into a novel,  
if it is, the thing instantly  
stiffens into a polemic and becomes  
unreadable. Even what he feels,  
in the most profound sense, is dan-  
gerous. But what he does—the

## external of his conduct, his daily

reactions to his world, his doings as  
a member of society—all that makes  
good material for the novelist, and  
some of the best novels ever writ-  
ten contain nothing else. Here  
women novelists should have an ad-  
vantage over their male colleagues,  
for women are more interested in  
matters than men are, and observe  
their subtler nuances more carefully,  
and take them, in general, more  
seriously. Most men, when they  
are capable of any thought at all,  
are deeply engrossed by ideas and  
get into dead-end streets over them.  
It is hard, indeed, to find a literate  
(or even an illiterate) man who isn't  
suffering from a high life under a  
burden of oppression and im-  
possible dreams, most of them  
obviously non-sensical. Women  
are far too realistic to fall into  
that trap. They view all ideas  
somewhat cynically, and are willing  
to change their own almost too  
easily as they change their sur-  
roundings. They know by bitter ex-  
perience that appearances are worth-  
less, and that more than principles—  
that human beings are judged in this  
world by what they think or  
feel, but by what they do. H. L.  
"Monckton" in "T.P.'s and Cassell's  
Weekly."

## Sybil Thorncliffe.

Sybil Thorncliffe and her hus-  
band, Lewis Casson, were two of a  
brilliant band of players, who acted  
in Shaw and Galsworthy and St.  
John Galsworthy and St. John Galsworthy.  
The other people who really lived,  
as it were, while Lewis Casson and  
Sybil were in Miss Horniman's  
company that they got married.  
Sybil first saw Lewis in the Dublin  
Zoo, where, as she says, "I picked  
him up." And now she remembers  
that the first words she said to her  
husband were, "I think I'll go, and  
see the lions again," and that the  
first words he ever spoke to her  
were, "Shall I come with you?"  
Have often stood like that. Any-  
way, the two of them had a very  
happy marriage; so when Lewis Casson  
married Sybil Thorncliffe, he wore  
the clothes that he always put on  
in the second act of "Widower's  
Houses," and when they went  
away for a honeymoon he was dressed  
as he dressed for the first act of  
"David Ballant." It was about  
this time that Shaw saw Miss  
Thorncliffe rehearsing "Candida."  
He did not think much of her,  
"Go away and have four or five  
children and do the housekeeping,"  
he said, "and then you will know  
what 'Candida' means." Anyway,  
in the years that were to follow,  
four children were born, and when  
Miss Thorncliffe played "Candida"  
at the Holborn Empire she thought  
she was ideal. "When did you find  
time to have children?" she was  
asked once. "In between the  
acts," she said, laughing.—Hamon  
Swaffer, in the "Royal Magazine."

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